Question for written answer E-000120/2021/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 138
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Subject: Impact of COVID-19 on potato producers

The pandemic has had a considerable impact on the agri-food sector, forcing both national governments and the Commission to adopt various measures in support of producers. However, the problems faced by producers are intensifying, with the restrictive measures still in place in the vast majority of European countries expected to last until the spring. Producers of summer and autumn potatoes in the region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace have been particularly hard hit, as not only 70% of their produce is still unsold but the price of potatoes is now between 10 and 13 cents per kilo, i.e. less than half that of last year.

In view of the above:

- 1. Does the Commission have a list of measures that the Greek Government has implemented to help Greek producers since the start of the pandemic? Which products do these measures concern, particularly as regards producers of summer and autumn potatoes vis-à-vis producers of spring potatoes?
- 2. Does the Commission intend to extend the application of support measures for European producers and expand them, as it announced last spring?