

**Question for written answer E-003225/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Increasing reports of protectionist measures in the agri-food sector

There is serious concern in the agri-food sector about the increasing number of protectionist measures and non-tariff barriers. More and more often, Member States and companies are imposing specific requirements which producers from other Member States cannot fulfil or find extremely difficult to fulfil. For example, in the egg sector, there is an increasing share of products – e.g. in France – that have a requirement to be 100 % domestically produced. This has a major impact on producers, especially those from smaller countries such as Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and Portugal. Non-tariff barriers to food exports in the internal market are against EU law and are a challenge to the free movement of goods.

1. Is the Commission receiving an increasing number of reports of protectionist measures in the agri-food sector? Are specific statistics on these reports available?
2. Does it recognise that these unjustified or protectionist non-tariff barriers are against EU law and hamper the smooth functioning of the internal market in the agri-food sector?
3. How does it intend to take concrete action against these measures and can the Single Market Enforcement Task Force address this problem as a matter of urgency?