

**Question for written answer E-000500/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The situation of trade in seed potatoes

Prior to Brexit, there was a substantial and reciprocal trade in seed potatoes between the UK and the rest of the EU. This included a large quantity of high quality, disease-free seed potato exports from Scotland.

Since January 2021 this trade has been halted, impacting EU farmers previously dependent on Scottish imports as well as the economy of Scotland, a country which voted to remain in the EU.

1. Has the Commission made any progress in resolving the issues currently blocking this reciprocal trade in seed potatoes?
2. Given that the EU has already granted equivalence for certain other certified UK seed products, what are the issues preventing the granting of equivalence to Scottish seed potatoes?
3. Does the Commission have a future timetable for the further discussion of these issues?