

**Question for written answer E-000555/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Economic benefits of EU-US trade in molluscs

On 4 February 2022, the Commission announced that an agreement had been reached that will enable 'trade of molluscan shellfish – such as mussels, clams, oysters and scallops – [to] resume between the EU and the US' from the end of the month. 'Two EU Member States (Spain and the Netherlands) will be allowed to export molluscan shellfish to the US, whilst two American states (Massachusetts and Washington) can do the same to the EU.'

1. According to the Commission's estimates, what is the likely economic benefit to the EU as a whole, and Spain in particular, of resuming transatlantic trade in bivalve molluscs?
2. Does the Commission have any estimates on how this agreement will benefit small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and fishing regions, such as Galicia, in Spain?