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to the Commission**
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Subject: Fertiliser production exiting the European Union

In recent years, more and more fertiliser production plants across Europe have closed their doors due to the massive increase in the price of the fuel needed to manufacture nitrogen fertilisers. Since around 80% of the production costs come from the natural gas used as a raw material to make nitrogen fertilisers, many production plants have been forced to scale back production or even move to countries outside the European Union where gas prices are lower.

If the remaining fertiliser plants follow the same path, European farmers will be forced to import lower-quality fertilisers from outside Europe at much higher prices, and consumers will in turn get fruit and vegetables of much lower quality at higher prices.

What steps will the Commission take to support farmers and prevent the relocation of European fertiliser plants?