

**Question for written answer E-002649/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Exports of European kiwifruit and New Zealand: direct prejudice to European kiwifruit breeders and importers

The European Union and New Zealand have recently concluded a free trade agreement. The European kiwifruit industry will suffer further adverse effects and discrimination due to the non-tariff barriers being maintained by the New Zealand Government and the anti-competitive practices of Zespri Group Limited, in violation of the principle of reciprocity enshrined in the World Trade Organisation and the spirit of mutual liberalisation and trade facilitation that should be the hallmark of any free trade agreement.

European producers of kiwifruit and of new plant varieties have highlighted New Zealand's protectionist positions against European kiwifruit varieties and pointed to Zespri's regulatory framework and competition-distorting conduct, but DG TRADE seems not to have used its bargaining power to solve the problem.

Given the above, can the Commission state:

1. whether it intends to request reciprocal treatment from New Zealand; what benefit there is for the EU;
2. whether it will seek to include the establishment of a mutual recognition agreement for protocols and required certifications<sup>1</sup>?
3. will it draw up a detailed programme of technical discussions with New Zealand in which European kiwifruit producers can participate in order to resolve this long-standing problem?

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<sup>1</sup> In line with the negotiations on the EU-New Zealand FTA: