

**Question for written answer E-000697/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Creation of a transit corridor for the transport of Ukrainian cereals

The creation of transit corridors for the transport of Ukrainian cereals has impacted on farmers and domestic production in Romania and many other EU countries of transit.

Romanian cereal exports have dropped owing to the large volumes of cereals entering the country from Ukraine and which, rather than transiting Romania, have remained there at much lower prices, and with poorer quality standards than applicable in the EU.

It is imperative that Ukrainian agri-food products be subject to sanitary and veterinary checks at the border, so as not to endanger the health of the EU population. These agri-food products from Ukraine are not of the same quality standards as those in the EU and are known not to be subject to the same limits on the use of pesticides, thus seriously affecting the health of the population of Romania and the EU.

For how long will the Commission grant these zero customs tariffs, transit and importation facilities for agricultural and agri-food products from Ukraine, and how can assistance be provided to Romanian and other EU farmers impacted by the import of cereals from Ukraine?

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