

**Question for written answer E-003107/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Unjustified attack on Spanish agri-food trucks at the border with France

On the morning of 19 October 2023, some 500 French winegrowers blocked the Le Perthus border crossing with Spain and ransacked multiple Spanish trucks. The demonstrators burned tyres at the motorway tollbooth, checking the trucks coming in from Spain and ransacking those carrying tomatoes, wine and cava. They dumped the cargo onto the road while the police kept their distance and made absolutely no move to intervene.

We condemn this outrageous attack in the strongest terms and demand that steps be taken to stop goods being blocked and wrecked in this way. In light of this:

1. Does the Commission condemn the actions of a large group of French winegrowers who blocked, ransacked and wrecked the Spanish trucks and the products they were carrying? How is the Commission going to assess the damage that these acts of vandalism have caused to the unity of the internal market?
2. Will the Commission be urging national authorities to safeguard the free movement of Europeans and protect their goods?

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