

**Question for written answer E-003114/2023  
to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Attacks on Spanish lorries at the border with France

On 19 October 2023, Spanish lorries transporting Spanish goods were attacked by French wine growers at the border with France. These serious and completely unjustified events weaken the European single market by hindering the free movement of these goods. In addition being unjust and violent, these attacks undermine the rules of the single market, which are a foundation of the Union enshrined in the Treaty on the Functioning of the Union, and hinder the free movement of goods across the Union as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 2679/98.

I would therefore like to ask:

1. What specific measures, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 2679/98, does the Council consider that the Commission ought to take in this case?
2. Given that Spanish imports have been blocked at the border on several occasions, so that this is not an isolated case, and that Member States are obliged to ensure the free movement within their territory of agricultural products originating in other Member States by taking the necessary measures to prevent any restrictions, what specific measures does the Council consider should be taken to ensure compliance with Regulation (EC) No 2679/98 and thus protect the integrity of the European single market?

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