

**Question for written answer E-003121/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Sugar imports from Ukraine

Since the temporary suspension of tariffs and quotas for agricultural products from Ukraine in June 2022, EU sugar imports from Ukraine have risen sharply. In the current financial year 2022/23, imports have almost reached 400 000 tonnes of sugar, i.e. approximately 22 times the initial EU import quota of 20 070 tonnes/year for Ukraine. According to the Ukrainian Ministry of Agriculture, sugar beet farming expanded by 38 % in the new financial year 2023/24. As a result, Ukraine is producing significantly more sugar (1.7 – 1.8 million tonnes) and could export 0.7 – 0.8 million tonnes of sugar duty-free to the EU.

1. Can the Commission obtain detailed information on how Ukraine's export licensing system operates?
2. What is the Commission doing to ensure that the increase in Ukrainian sugar imports does not destabilise the EU internal market?
3. Is the Commission considering, in cooperation with the Ukrainian Government, the reintroduction of an export restriction?

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