

**Question for written answer E-000257/2024  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** French Prime Minister's unjustified attack on Spain's agri-food sector

On 28 January 2024, French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal said the following: 'We will look at measures we can take regarding unfair competition. Our farmers are subject to rules that other (neighbouring) countries don't have to follow.' These words, aimed at placating the French farmers' protests against the French Government, are a serious attack on Spain's agri-food sector.

As Gabriel Attal must surely know, the EU's common market ensures equal conditions for all Member States. That is why the French Prime Minister's statements – in addition to attacking our farmers and producers, who comply with EU regulations and quality standards – are unequivocally false and could cause serious problems in terms of the perception of reality.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission condemn Gabriel Attal's allegations of unfair competition directed towards Spain's agri-food sector?
2. How will it protect Spanish producers from unfounded accusations by leaders of other Member States?

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