

ORAL QUESTION H-0319/03

for Question Time at the part-session in June 2003

pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: Refusal by the Commission to fund the varietal conversion of citrus fruit in Greece

Greece has submitted a plan for the varietal conversion of citrus fruit, specifically oranges, which the Commission has rejected, for unknown reasons. What is the Commission's position with regard to the contradiction between, on the one hand, promoting the extension of the commercial season and arguing for improvements in citrus fruit quality and, on the other hand, refusing funding for this purpose, and what steps does it intend to take to remedy this unacceptable situation?

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