ORAL QUESTION H-0320/03 for Question Time at the part-session in June 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Ioannis Patakis to the Commission

Subject: Arbitrary exclusion of large quantities of cotton

For the second year running the Greek Minister of Agriculture, without providing detailed information or evidence, is deeming large quantities of cotton to be ineligible, and is acting arbitrarily in interpreting and implementing the relevant provision of the regulation in force concerning cotton.

Why does the Commission accept this arbitrary conduct, which is detrimental to thousands of cotton producers, and what measures does it intend to take to remedy the situation?

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