

ORAL QUESTION H-0771/03
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Decoupling in the fruit and vegetables COM

The proposals for agricultural reform which the Commission has submitted over the last few months include a common denominator: the decoupling of, if not all, then at least a significant proportion of, the aid received by farmers. The approach which the Commission is following in all its proposals suggests that the forthcoming reform of the fruit and vegetable sector could also involve the introduction of decoupled aid (particularly in the case of processing aid, since such aid comes within the WTO's 'amber box').

Would the Commission say whether it intends to consider the possibility of implementing decoupled aid in the sector concerned and whether it believes that the Community funding allocated to fruit and vegetables will be sufficient to enable a 'decent' amount of per-hectare aid to be granted to producers?

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