

ORAL QUESTION H-0199/04

for Question Time at the part-session in April 2004

pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: Greek farmers on the verge of bankruptcy owing to damage caused by bad weather and delay in payment of compensation

The severe weather which Greece recently suffered has caused widespread damage to crops and land throughout the country, making it extremely difficult for the farmers affected to survive and threatening them with bankruptcy unless practical measures are taken immediately.

What steps will the Commission take to speed up the time-consuming Community procedures for approving the payment of compensation and financial aid to Greek farmers, as was the case with France, Spain and Malta, in order to avert bankruptcy and enable the farmers affected to continue to produce?

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