

ORAL QUESTION H-0007/06
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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Sugar agreement and renationalisation of the common agricultural policy

The agreement on sugar reform opens up the possibility for some Member States to pay national aid to sugar beet producers. What then is the Commission's position in principle on the use of national aid as a regulatory instrument under the common agricultural policy? Is it an instrument that the Commission may be expected to use in connection with future proposals or is it being used in connection with the sugar reform by way of exception? How does the Commission view the prospects for phasing out subsidies for agricultural production in the EU in the event of total or partial renationalisation of agricultural aid?

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