

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0065/03

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: Reform of the CMOs in tobacco, cotton and olive oil

Communication COM(2003)0554 final puts forward guidelines for the reform of the CMOs in tobacco, cotton and olive oil. Production of all these three crops is concentrated in specific geographic areas, all three are highly labour-intensive and all three give rise to dependency on other, related economic activities. Moreover, due note should be taken of the preponderance of small holdings in the tobacco and cotton sectors.

Has the Commission assessed the impact of its proposals on these three crops, in particular on the areas cultivated, the number of holdings, and employment and economic activity in production areas?

Should the Commission proposals lead to a reduction in areas cultivated or the closure of holdings, what alternatives have been envisaged?

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