

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1530/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Funding by the Italian State and the region of Campania of the programme contract presented by Agrifuturo S.c.a.r.l.

In a preliminary reply of 14 February 2003 to my written question of 22 January 2003 (P-0126/03<sup>1</sup>), Commissioner Fischler said that he had no knowledge of the investment project submitted by the company Agrifuturo.

It later emerged that the region of Campania had proposed an amendment to point 4.9 of its regional operational programme in an effort to have the Commission review the limits and prohibitions affecting funding of the tomato-processing sector.

Without an amendment of this kind, the Agrifuturo programme contract could not be funded, as it was in breach of the specific provisions of point 4.9, under which plant modernisation resulting in an increase in processing capacity was not eligible for assistance.

The Commission did not accept the proposed amendment and notified the region of Campania of its decision in April 2002.

In the light of the above, will the Commission ascertain whether, despite the rejection of the proposed amendment to point 4.9 of Campania's regional operational programme, funding for the abovementioned programme contract has been provided by the Italian State and/or the region of Campania and, if so, whether infringement proceedings have been initiated?

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