

**Priority question for written answer P-006653/2020  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Volume of monthly EU imports of citrus fruits from South Africa in 2019 and between January and November 2020

The European Commission's recent report on the implementation of free trade agreements concludes that, thanks to the EU-SADC Economic Partnership Agreement, South Africa increased its exports to the EU by double digits in 2019, mainly as a result of vehicles, machinery and fruit, as well as mineral products.

According to the Commission in its reply to question P-004382/2019, South Africa is the main source of imports of oranges, especially 'outside the EU harvest season (1 June to 30 November)'.

1. Can the European Commission provide data on EU imports of citrus fruits from South Africa for each month in 2019 and between January and November 2020?
2. In order to gauge the effects of the free trade agreement between the two markets, could the Commission also provide data on the annual fluctuations in imports of citrus fruits between 2018 and 2019?