

**Priority question for written answer P-002714/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Price collapse in the durum wheat market and crisis sparked by Türkiye's increased presence in the cereals sector

Türkiye, a country that has traditionally consumed more cereals than it has produced and which has a nationalised durum wheat market, entered the free market in July 2023. This suddenly caused an exponential rise in durum wheat exports from Türkiye. The Foggia Commodity Exchange, meanwhile, recently reopened following its four-week summer recess with prices down by EUR 60/tonne on levels recorded on 2 August¹.

In the five-year period from 2018 to 2022, Italy imported on average 1.4 per cent of its durum wheat from Türkiye. In 2023 this proportion reached 44.5%².

This rise is attributable to the abnormally low export price of Turkish durum wheat, below the price imposed by the Turkish Grain Board for the domestic trade in this product³.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider Türkiye's setting of export prices for durum wheat to be in breach of its customs union agreements with the EU⁴ and to constitute dumping?
2. Does the Commission believe it should check whether Turkish durum wheat imported into the EU in the period July from to August 2023 complies with the provisions of Protocol 2 concerning the preferential regime applicable to the importation into Turkey of agricultural products originating in the Community⁵?

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¹ <https://www.granosalus.it/2023/09/04/crollo-prezzi-grano-servono-misure-anti-dumping-dalla-ue-il-governo-si-attivi-subito/>

² Data from ISMEA

³ <https://www.globaltradealert.org/intervention/120412/price-stabilisation/turkey-turkish-grain-board-announces-the-2023-purchase-prices-for-cereals-including-wheat-and-barley>

⁴ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/?uri=celex:21996D0213\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/?uri=celex:21996D0213(01))

⁵ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:ce879541-5055-43da-b1d8-e885e9c8104a.0008.02/DOC_3&format=PDF