

**Question for written answer E-015536/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Controls on the Turkish border

Several Spanish food producers' associations are watching with concern as negotiations on Turkey's accession to the EU move forward on the basis of issues that have nothing to do with farming.

These associations believe the prices of tomatoes and, especially, peppers to be abnormally low given current levels of production in Europe.

They suspect that there has been a slackening of controls on the Turkish border, thus facilitating the entry of Turkish products on to the European market. If so, this is a very serious situation indeed for European farmers.

What does the Commission have to say about these suspicions?

Will the Commission step up its checks to avoid any possibility that the border controls have been relaxed?

What sanctions would the Commission impose on a Member State if it failed to exercise border controls?