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to the Commission**

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Subject: Quotas for olive oil from Tunisia

The Management Committee for Olive Oil recently adopted a new method for administering the preferential import quota for Tunisian olive oil, despite reservations expressed by the main producer countries. Getting rid of monthly sub-quotas could distort the market, hitting European producers very hard. The measure involves a change to the administration arrangements for the current quota of 56 700 tonnes, and will also apply to the Commission's promise to Tunisia of 35 000 tonnes over two years.

Can the Commission state what the justification is for this change in the way the quota is administered?

Has the Commission carried out an analysis of the impact that concentrating Tunisian supply on certain points in the season might have on the market, taking into account, above all, the fact that the quota has been increased by more than 50% for the coming two years?