

**Question for written answer E-015575/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Increased olive oil import quotas

According to information from Greek websites and chambers of commerce,^{1, 2} Greek olive oil producers are now at major risk as the result of an envisaged increase in duty-free quotas for olive oil imported from Tunisia, which would be a disaster for around 700 000 families in Greece for whom olive oil is a source of income. Moreover, the anticipated fall in olive oil prices would affect not only producers but the entire Greek economy, which has already been sorely tested by six years of economic crisis and recession. We therefore have a responsibility towards the Greek people to prevent such a turn of events.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission confirm that an increase in duty-free quotas for olive oil imports from Tunisia is indeed being envisaged?
2. Has calculated the major damage that would be inflicted on the entire Greek economy as a result?
3. Will it reconsider the projected measure and prevent its adoption, thereby averting yet another major setback for Greek citizens?

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2 <http://www.creteplus.gr/news/gegonos-i-proti-ptosi-stin-timi-tou-ladiou-eksaitias-eksaitias-ton-adasmologiton-eisagogon-apo-tin-tunisia-149157.html>