

**Question for written answer E-015580/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Discovery of abandoned food products bearing the EU mark - Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived

The local press has reported that, in late November 2015, a group of volunteers from Legambiente who were taking part in a two-day clean-up of the Cava d'Ispica archaeological site at Vignale San Giovanni in the province of Ragusa in Sicily discovered, along with various items of refuse, some basic foodstuffs from the EU.

They found numerous packets of pasta, cartons of milk and tomato sauce, all of which had been carefully sealed, and which bore the EU mark and the expiry date 31 December 2017.

It is very probable that these were EU foodstuffs for the very poor from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived.

In the light of the above, can the Commission state:

1. whether it is aware of these events;
2. what concrete steps it will take to shed light on these disturbing happenings;
3. what specific measures it will adopt, if any irregularities are detected, to safeguard the interests of the EU and its citizens and prevent these events from reoccurring?