

Question for written answer E-014580/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: UK Government paper on the future of the cane sugar refining sector

The UK Government is in the process of finalising an analytical paper on the EU sugar market post-2017. Specifically, the paper addresses the future of the cane refining sector following the abolition of beet sugar quotas in 2017. It is expected that the paper will support the argument that beet and cane sugar should be able to compete on an equal legislative basis, allowing fair competition in a well-functioning EU sugar market. Currently, the EU trade regime prevents access to sufficient raw cane sugar at world prices.

1. Is the Commission aware of the UK Government's paper on the future of cane refining in the EU?
2. Will the Commission take into consideration the likely recommendations that EU cane refining should not be subject to punitive import duties, such as the CXL duty on raw cane sugar, in order that it may compete on a level playing field?