

**Question for written answer E-001847/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Free trade agreement and Moroccan tomato imports

Under the EU-Morocco trade agreement that entered into force on 1 October 2012, Moroccan tomato exports must remain below an entry price of EUR 0.461/kg between 1 October and 31 May. This system is designed to protect EU farming sectors from low-cost imports. Since 2014, the method for calculating entry prices has always been based on the standard import value. Since then, however, Morocco's tomato producers have shifted production away from round tomatoes to focus on cherry tomatoes instead. This growing proportion of higher value-added cherry tomatoes means that the new weighted average is higher and well above the minimum entry price, thereby reducing the additional specific duties to be paid by Moroccan producers. The calculation method is therefore ineffective in terms of protecting the EU market from such unfair competition.

1. Will the Commission respond to the demands of French producers and put in place three specific customs entry procedures for the different categories of tomato: round, cherry and other varieties?
2. In addition, will it update the entry prices dating back to 2000 and index them to inflation?

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