

**Question for written answer E-004929/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Collapse of sheep's milk prices due to imports from non-EU countries and risk of undermining Greek sheep and goat farming

According to recent data from the Hellenic Agricultural Organisation (ELGO-DIMITRA), the producer price of sheep's milk is showing a continuous decline: from EUR 1.4399/kg in 2024 down to EUR 1.3812/kg in the first quarter of 2025. Meanwhile, the number of sheep and goat producers decreased by 1 500 in one year, indicating that the activity is being abandoned. At the same time, livestock bodies point to increased imports of sheep's milk and goat's milk and derivatives from non-EU countries, at significantly lower prices (approximately EUR 1.20/litre), without clear evidence of equivalent quality, traceability and welfare standards.

This phenomenon coincides with an increase in the production of certain cheese products, while the number of animals and producers is decreasing, which has already raised concerns about the possible use of imported raw materials in Greek PDO products. This development directly threatens the viability of domestic sheep and goat farming, the producer price and the protection of feta and other certified products.

Accordingly:

How does the Commission assess the risk of distortion of the sheep's milk and goat's milk market in Greece due to imports from non-EU countries, and does it consider that enhanced supervision of traceability and standards is required in order to ensure that PDO products are produced exclusively with raw materials that comply with European rules, and that the proper functioning of the internal market is not violated?

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