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Subject: Absence of a cumulative impact assessment on European Mediterranean citrus farming

The European citrus sector is having to contend simultaneously with the EU-SADC Agreement with South Africa, the EU-Egypt Agreement and the new EU-Mercosur Agreement. Analysing each of them in isolation obscures the real impact on Mediterranean producers.

Citrus imports from South Africa to the EU amounted to approximately 794 500 tonnes per year between 2020 and 2024, and 954 490 tonnes between January and October 2025, coinciding with the most critical months of the European season. Mercosur liberalisation will now push the volume up even further.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission have an assessment quantifying the cumulative impact of existing trade agreements on Mediterranean citrus farming?

2. If not, when does it plan to draw up such an assessment?

3. What early warning mechanisms will be activated if import volumes reach market disruption levels?

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