

**Question for written answer E-004291/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Critical plight of the European olive-growing sector, Tunisian imports and market measures

Plummeting farm gate prices and rising surpluses have left the Italian olive sector reeling, particularly in Apulia and Calabria.

Tunisia is currently allowed to export up to 56 700 tonnes of duty-free olive oil a year to the EU. Regulation (EU) 2016/580 granted Tunisia an additional annual duty-free export tariff quota of 35 000 tonnes for 2016 and 2017.

In its reply to question E-000270/2026¹, the Commission stated that it does not envisage additional trade concessions and drew attention to the need to ensure traceability.

We therefore ask:

1. Could the Commission use the data for 2023-2025 and the monthly figures already available for 2026 to calculate exactly how much olive oil Tunisia exported to the EU and Italy during that period, and could it also specify how much of it was exempted from customs duties and assess the impact that these imports have had on farm gate prices in the EU?
2. Will the Commission address these price shocks and surpluses by activating the private storage aid measures for olive oil set out in Articles 17 and 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 or the exceptional measures pursuant to Article 219 thereof and, if this is the case, could it clarify when this support will be available and specify the conditions that need to be met in order to access it?
3. If this is not the case, could the Commission explain the reasoning behind its decision and clarify what concrete measures it will implement to support EU producers and ensure that they can compete on an equal footing?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000270_EN.html.