

**Question for written answer P-005069/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Dairy exports, car imports and the Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and Japan

The in-principle Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and Japan has been announced as the most important bilateral trade deal the EU has ever concluded, not least because it includes a commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement. Cheese and cars have featured prominently in communications about the signing, along with the removal of most tariffs to enable both parties to access new opportunities and markets. However, as with previous trade deals, the devil is in the detail, and the detail is hidden and scrutiny consequently much harder.

Can the Commission share its estimates of the relative value of EU exports of dairy products to Japan compared with EU imports of cars from Japan?

Is the Commission aware of the high level of lactose intolerance (90-100 %)¹ among people in East Asia?

In the context of the Paris Agreement, has the Commission considered the climate impact of encouraging the Japanese population of 127 million people to move towards a diet containing more dairy products?

¹ Lactose intolerance stat: <http://milk.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=000661>