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ORAL QUESTION (0-98/77)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mr NOE', Mr FIORET, Mr FRUH, Mr McDONALD and Mr MULLER-HERMANN  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Common market in fertilizers

1. Is the Commission aware of the situation on the common market in fertilizers, especially as regards the trade policy followed by manufacturers from state-trading and other third countries whenever there are fluctuations in world prices, and how this affects the regular supply of nitrogenous, phosphate and potash fertilizers?
2. Would the Commission not agree that the entry on the market of suppliers of raw materials used in fertilizers, notably crude phosphates and potash, is liable to alter present supply patterns?
3. Does the Commission also agree that regular and secure supplies of fertilizers to the Community are important to agriculture, and that any dependence on third countries for fertilizers could have serious effects on Community producers' production and investment options?

4. If so, will it adopt a coherent common policy for fertilizers in order to prevent discriminatory practices and to create the necessary conditions for a regular supply of fertilizers to agriculture?