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Press release

European Commission decides to triple withdrawal volumes for peaches and nectarines for Spain, Italy and Greece

On August 8, representatives of APO members of AREFLH, together with the Catalan Agricultural Counsellor Meritxell Serret i Aleu, and representatives of the President of AREFLH Simona Caselli, met in Brussels for a meeting with the services of DG Agri.

The purpose of these meeting was to find quick solutions to support the producers facing the market crisis of peaches and nectarines, notably by increasing the withdrawal volumes provided for in Regulation 2017/1165.

A few weeks later, following a technical meeting with experts from Member States held on 24 August in Brussels, the European Commission decided to triple these volumes for Spain, Greece and Italy, ie respectively 19.550, 10.710 and 4.760 additional tons.

This decision must be recorded in a regulation that should be published in early September, with retroactive effect to 3 August 2017.

Simona Caselli, President of AREFLH, welcomed the *"success of AREFLH's intervention, which have mobilized and coordinated actions between different countries, and which was reflected in the rapid response of DG Agri and by the joint support of the governments concerned."*

The main mission of AREFLH (Assembly of European Regions producing fruit, vegetables and ornamental plants) is:

- To represent its 19 member regions and 22 AOPs, from 7 countries in Europe;
- To defend the economic and social interests of the fruit, vegetable and horticultural sectors to the European authorities;
- To foster exchanges of experience, partnerships and joint projects between regions and professional organisations;
- To actively seek new solutions for the main issues which affect the future of the fruit and vegetables production in Europe.

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