

## **EC MYTHS ARE IN FACT TRUE**

Dear Sir,

You report (News Jan 09) that European Commission Vice President Siim Kallas stated that the one time claim that the EU wanted to straighten bananas was a myth. He should surely have known that regulation number EC 2257/94 "Commission Regulation laying down the quality standards for bananas" explicitly says that "bananas must be free from.....abnormal curvature". The EU doesn't define abnormal curvature in bananas but it does for cucumbers. Class One cucumbers may bend by 10mm for 10cms of length, whilst Class 2 may bend twice as much.

If senior EC officials such as he make claims that are clearly untrue what faith can we have that the accounting systems and officials are not 'bent'. He also stated that 'Our business is a little more complicated than a corner shop' which is true, but the shop would have a till, not an open drawer.

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