

**Question for written answer E-006731/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Health alert system

In August, concerns regarding the quality of mussels from Galicia were raised by France through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed. It was subsequently discovered that there was absolutely nothing wrong with them. Unfortunately this is not the first time that they have been the subject of a false health alert.

While food health standards are essential for consumer protection purposes, it is no less important to introduce measures to prevent harm being caused by overhasty or false alerts.

1. Will the Commission accordingly consider the need for improvements to the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed so as to prevent errors that could have serious consequences for both operators and consumers?
2. If so, what measures is it considering and when will it put them into practice?