

**Question for written answer E-009183/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cultivating genetically modified organisms (GMOs)

The French MEPs Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh and Mireille d'Ornano recently questioned the Commission on the draft regulation enabling Member States to restrict or ban the cultivation of GMOs in their territory.

The paper submitted to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety contains a few errors and appears to be incomplete. Specifically, although it has been proposed to give Member States the possibility of limiting the cultivation of GMOs, not a single provision has been made to prevent GMOs or GMO-derived products from circulating in these territories, due to the rules of the internal market. Allowing such free circulation amongst Member States therefore no longer makes any sense.

Consequently, it appears essential for this paper to be given some proper scope by offering possibilities for restricting this free trade within the internal market, given the health-related concerns that surround GMOs, and the fact that they are not trusted by the majority of European consumers.

What guarantees does the Commission intend to provide in order to restrict the free circulation of GMOs in the territories of the Union?