

**Question for written answer E-000441/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Ban on GMOs

On 13 January 2015, the European Parliament adopted a directive authorising Member States to restrict or ban the cultivation of GMOs on their territory.

Although, on the face of it, the idea is a good one, it does raise the issue of whether, in the specific case of transgenic foods, Member States will be authorised to derogate from the principle of the free movement of goods within the Schengen area?

If not, this decision will have been nothing more than another example of sleight of hand on the part of the European Union's representative bodies, given that the directive does not guarantee protection against the long-term impact of GMOs on public health or against damage to the environment.