

**Question for written answer E-000651/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Registration of biopesticides

The proposed regulation on organic production and the labelling of organic products has the objective of removing the obstacles faced in achieving the sustainable development of organic production in the Union. In addition, Directive 2009/128/EC creating a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides requires Member States to promote integrated pest management (IPM) through national action plans.

Biopesticides, which are of plant, pheromonal or microbial origin, are essential tools used by organic and IPM farmers to manage pest pressure.

These substances are currently regulated under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, which is designed to cover the approval of pesticides of chemical origin.

As a result, the risk posed by biopesticides is assessed by the same European Food and Safety Authority panel that is in charge of assessing pesticides of chemical origin. This panel is not adequately equipped to deal with biopesticides. For example, it does not include a single microbiologist.

Can the Commission indicate what action it intends to take to resolve this issue?