

Question for written answer E-001414/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Whitelists of alien species

The flexibility of the Invasive Alien Species Regulation recently approved by the Union is such that any invasive species not on the list is currently able to enter the EU.

This approach has resulted in a situation whereby species such as the largemouth bass, the red swamp crayfish, the zebra mussel and the apple snail – to name a few examples – are threatening the EU's biodiversity.

Does the Commission not think it would be more effective to amend the current Regulation by creating a whitelist that would allow certain species to enter the EU while banning all others?