

**Question for written answer E-001886/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Apiculture - *Aethina tumida*

A few weeks ago, the south of Italy (Calabria and Sicily) suffered an invasion of *Aethina tumida* beetles, which infested apiculture products (honey). On 12 December last, the Commission temporarily banned the export of these products, and I salute this wise decision. However, I wonder whether every precaution has been taken to fully protect the rest of Europe, in particular whether restrictions or controls applicable to other products which could carry *Aethina tumida* have been examined.

1. When it took its decision on 12 December last, did the Commission consider extending controls and restrictions to other products? If not, has it now done so or does it plan to do so?
2. What room for manoeuvre does each Member State have to control or restrict access of certain products (whether agricultural or not) to its territory?