

**Question for written answer E-002418/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Implementation of measures laid out in Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU

Following the outbreak of the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in Calabria and Sicily, in December 2014 the Commission adopted Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU with a view to preventing the spread of the small hive beetle to other parts of the EU and preventing unnecessary disturbance to trade.

Article 3 of the decision states that Italy must ensure the carrying-out of immediate inspections and epidemiological investigations and notify the Commission of the results.

Can the Commission say whether any results have been presented and, if so, outline the findings of the initial immediate inspections and epidemiological investigations?

In the light of Article 3(3) of the decision, did Italy take any additional appropriate protective measures apart from those listed in Article 3(1) and 3(2)?

Notwithstanding the fact that the measures provided for in Decision 2014/909/EU are to be reviewed within a period of eight months from the date of its adoption, do initial results indicate an evolution of the epidemiological situation of the small hive beetle in Italy?