

**Question for written answer E-002811/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Preparation of lists of invasive alien species

On 1 January 2015, the new EU Regulation aimed at tackling the problem of invasive alien species came into force. Among other measures, this new legislation provides for the creation of a list of invasive alien species considered to be of Union concern, based on risk assessments.

In order to prepare this list, a process needs to be established whereby the Member States establish their own lists which will then be regularly reviewed and updated.

What mechanisms is the Commission going to implement to help and support the Member States in preparing these lists as quickly as possible?

What mechanisms are going to be put in place so as to make it possible to periodically review these lists?