

**Question for written answer E-007673/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: GMO - Declaration on the product

The law permits the marketing of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified rapeseed, soy, corn or cotton without a specific declaration of GMO content unless its share exceeds 0.9 %.

With respect to the percentage of 0.9 % of GMOs in a product, Dr Valerije Vrčak, Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry in Zagreb, warns that this is not a scientifically determined procedure but an arbitrary compromise not based on medical or toxicological research and which, consequently, does not guarantee the safety of the product.

On the other hand, research shows that, in the case of products containing more than 0.9 % of GMOs, which is specifically declared, this information often goes undetected because the declarations are in small print.

The above leads me to ask the Commission:

1. What criteria were used when deciding that products containing less than 0.9 % of GMOs need not bear a specific mention of GMOs in their declaration?
2. Is the Commission thinking of stipulating a bigger and more visible declaration of GMO content on products in the future so as to raise the level of consumer protection?