

**Question for written answer E-007855/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Revision of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 relating to fertilisers

The European Commission is currently working on a revision of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 relating to fertilisers<sup>1</sup>. The first proposals will be presented to the European Parliament before the end of this year.

1. When does the European Commission intend to reveal its proposals to the European Parliament?
2. Will the European Commission's proposal bring an end to the current distinction between 'EC fertilisers' and 'national fertilisers'?
3. Will a separate category be created for 'biostimulants' (such as humic acids), and will silicon (Si) be included in the list of essential nutrients?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/chemicals/specific-chemicals/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/chemicals/specific-chemicals/index_en.htm)