

**Question for written answer E-007950/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: The mutagenesis technique

Directive 2001/18/EC provides the definition of the term genetically modified organism. As it points out, the two techniques of transgenesis and mutagenesis can produce GMOs.

However, if the products of the former are subject to the obligations mentioned in the above-mentioned Directive, those of the latter are excluded. Thus, Annex IB allows products of the mutagenesis technique to escape from the constraints, among other things, of labelling and of the request for authorization.

This is a serious paradox that reflects both a significant lack of transparency for consumers and the absence of legitimate reasons.

1. Why has the Commission dismissed the mutagenesis technique from the scope of Directive 2001/18/EC?
2. Will the Commission, for the sake of coherence and public health, subject the mutagenesis technique to the obligations described in the above-mentioned Directive?