

**Question for written answer E-008169/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Pesticides: health and environmental impacts

On 12 May 2015, the NGO Greenpeace published a report on the links between pesticides and health. In it, Greenpeace draws attention to the health risks linked to using chemicals, which threaten farmers in particular, but also children, infants and pregnant women. Rather than recommending a reduction in pesticide use, Greenpeace goes further and advocates banning them. It is therefore recommending a return to organic farming to preserve public health.

1. What is the Commission's stance on pesticide use in Europe?
2. Is the Commission considering extending the list of pesticides banned in the EU?