

**Question for written answer E-008221/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Time to stop the cultivation of genetically engineered maize MON810

A new investigation by TestBiotech<sup>1</sup> shows that the cultivation of MON810 does not comply with EU regulations. The recent report draws three main conclusions:

- a. Monsanto is not fulfilling its obligation to monitor the MON810 crops, and the company states that it will not do so in the future<sup>2</sup>;
  - b. there is new evidence<sup>3</sup> that transgene expression in MON810 is not predictable;
  - c. there are considerable flaws in the European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) risk assessment, which have once more been highlighted in the findings from recent studies<sup>4</sup> on pollen dispersal in the environment.
1. Will the Commission act as a responsible risk manager and take immediate action to stop the cultivation of MON810 within the EU?
  2. Given the culminating evidence (see, for example, Written Question E-007727-14) of the considerable flaws in EFSA's risk assessment, will the Commission revise the risk assessment procedure that EFSA currently uses for cultivation and authorisation of GMOs?
  3. When will the Commission inform Parliament about the state of this review?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.testbiotech.org/en/node/1225>;

[http://www.testbiotech.org/sites/default/files/Testbiotech\\_letter\\_to%20EU\\_Commission\\_on\\_MON810.pdf](http://www.testbiotech.org/sites/default/files/Testbiotech_letter_to%20EU_Commission_on_MON810.pdf)

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[http://www.testbiotech.org/sites/default/files/EC%20to%20EFSA\\_request%20for%20SC%20assistance\\_EFSA%20opinion%20on%20Monsanto%20IRM%20Strategy\\_PA.pdf](http://www.testbiotech.org/sites/default/files/EC%20to%20EFSA_request%20for%20SC%20assistance_EFSA%20opinion%20on%20Monsanto%20IRM%20Strategy_PA.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0123011>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.enveurope.com/content/26/1/24>