

**Question for written answer E-010741/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Pesticides found in apple orchards

On 16 June 2015, the environmental association Greenpeace published a study on pesticides found in apple orchards. The worrying findings point to harmful consequences for consumers.

The study, conducted in 12 European countries, showed that two-thirds of the samples analysed contained pesticides. More precisely, pesticides were found in 78% of soil samples and 72% of water samples.

The findings suggest that these substances could pose significant risks to the environment and to human health. The association concluded that 'at least 70% of the pesticides identified have very high overall toxicity to human health and wildlife'.

1. Given the health risks the pesticides concerned pose, will the Commission reconsider the marketing authorisations issued for them?
2. In keeping with the precautionary principle and Article 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, will the Commission propose a reform of the internal apple market to enable Member States to protect their citizens against the health risks posed by pesticides?