

**Question for written answer E-000224/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Methodology used in Article 4.7 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

A new derogation for pesticides could open a Pandora's box of loopholes, so can the Commission provide some clarity regarding the admissibility of the application made by industry?

1. What are the exact criteria used by DG SANCO and EFSA (and the Member States) to assess the admissibility – i.e. which data form the basis of this assessment and what decision criteria are used?
2. Does DG SANCO have the capacity and the expertise to counter unfair claims made by industry (that may go to great lengths to demonstrate a 'serious danger' for any of their chemicals) – i.e. is the DG assisted by independent experts?