

**Question for written answer E-000225/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Compatibility between Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and Directive 2009/128/EC

According to Directive 2009/128/EC, pesticide use should be based on sustainable practices/IPM. However, the new derogation (Article 4.7 of Regulation 1107/2009) for the very pesticides that are most harmful might undermine this goal.

1. How does the Commission ensure that Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is used as a basis for the assessment of the derogation in Article 4.7 and that such derogations do not contradict IPM?
2. What is included in the 'methodology' proposed by the EFSA working group¹, how did the Commission respond to this, and can the Commission provide all relevant documents and correspondence on this matter?

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/plant-health/working-groups>