

**Question for written answer E-000227/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Semantics, implementation and control regarding Articles 4.7 and 53 of Regulation (EC)
No 1107/2009

There seem to be two similar derogations in Regulation 1107/2009. The semantics of the two definitions in Article 4.7 ('serious danger to plant health which cannot be contained by other available means') and Article 53 ('danger which cannot be contained by other means') remain unclear and the implementation and subsequent control remain uncertain.

1. What is the difference between the two derogations?
2. What is meant by and defined as 'serious' under Article 4.7?
3. Can the Commission clarify how these two derogations will specifically be implemented (criteria, guidelines, checklists) and controlled under these definitions?