

**Question for written answer E-001999/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Occupational diseases in agriculture

The risk of occupational disease is greater for farmers and farmworkers than for those engaged in other activities.

Those concerned must be registered to ensure that accident and diseases in this sector are recognised as work-related with entitlement to benefits reimbursed under social insurance schemes.

Occupational diseases in the farming sector are frequently entered on separate lists specifying symptoms and causes, as well as the procedures for recognition thereof as work-related and for registration of the individuals concerned.

In view of developments in recent years and changes in the chemical composition of products used in farming on a day-to day basis, how does the Commission intend to proceed, in cooperation with the Member States, with a view to updating accordingly the lists of occupational diseases in agriculture?