

**Question for written answer E-007941/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Date of completion for Commission investigations into mixed honey

Vytenis Andriukaitis, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, informed Members of Parliament at the meeting of the Agricultural Committee of the European Parliament on 15 March 2016 that according to the preliminary results adulterated honey had been found in 17% of the mixed honey samples collected on the internal market and 31% of the mixed honey samples collected at external EU border stations in response to the European honey adulteration scandal. The Commissioner promised the final results by the end of July 2016.

I have not received any information about the final results of the Commission investigations to date.

European and Member State beekeeper advocacy organisations have informed me recently that adulterated honey from Southeast Asia, mainly from China, is still present on the internal EU market in great quantities, resulting in continued low producer prices for honey.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. On what date will the final result of Commission investigations into mixed honey be published?
2. What is the percentage of collected mixed honey samples that have been proven to contain adulterated imported honey if the final results of the investigations are available?
3. What will the Commission recommend with a view to efficiently filtering out adulterated imported honey? The current practice is not efficient at all.