

**Question for written answer E-003881/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002

In the recitals of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, reference is made to the need to broaden the definition of food legislation so as to ensure a sufficiently comprehensive and integrated focus on food safety. A reference is also made to the need for a revised definition which takes account of the new risks which could emerge over time and ensures that it can be adapted to new realities, given that 'each element may have a potential impact on food safety'.

The United Kingdom is already assessing whether to introduce possible food defence legislation, and Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 itself states the need for harmonised food safety standards, both internally and in terms of external trade, in order to build consumer trust.

Does the Commission think that there are sufficient grounds to justify amending this Regulation in order to accommodate these policies?