

**Question for written answer E-004867/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Spread of *Xylella fastidiosa* in Spain

Since the first outbreak was reported in Lecce province (Puglia, Italy) in 2013¹, *Xylella fastidiosa* has spread throughout Europe, with cases reported in Germany, France and Spain. As stated by Commissioner Adriukaitis², the first case in Spain appeared in the Balearic Islands. However, on 30 June 2017, the bacteria spread to Alicante on the Iberian peninsula. In view of the European Food Safety Authority's report on *Xylella*³ and how it spreads, and given that Member States are responsible for introducing Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789⁴:

1. Is the Commission planning an audit to assess the situation and official *Xylella fastidiosa* controls in Spain, as has been done in Germany and Italy?
2. Taking into account the bacteria's most likely means of spreading, does the Commission believe that it acted effectively enough to contain it after the outbreak in Puglia in October 2013?

¹ European Food Safety Authority, 2013. Statement of EFSA on host plants, entry and spread pathways and risk reduction options for *Xylella fastidiosa* Wells et al. EFSA Journal 2013;11(11):3468, 50pp.doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2013.3468

² <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=P-2017-002765&language=EN>

³ European Food Safety Authority, 2013. Op. cit.

⁴ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/spdoc.do?i=25812&aj=0&ajl=en>