

**Question for written answer E-005354/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Eggs contaminated with fipronil

This summer, eggs contaminated with fipronil and possibly amitraz, two insecticides whose use is prohibited on animals intended for human consumption, were discovered in the EU. Although the health risks for humans who consume the contaminated products appear to be very low, they seem to be high enough to cause a potential loss in consumer confidence.

1. What steps has the Commission taken under the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) and to coordinate national measures in order to address this health scandal?
2. What are the Commission's current projections for the financial impact of such a crisis on the European poultry sector?
3. In view of the situation, has the Commission already received a request from a Member State to trigger Article 220 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, which provides for exceptional market support measures in order to take account of serious market disturbances directly attributed to a loss in consumer confidence due to public health risks?