

**Question for written answer E-006895/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Glyphosate and international trade

A ban on glyphosate is being considered at European level. It is nevertheless important to take into account the consequences of such a ban and the stakes involved at international level.

If the European Union were to ban glyphosate, would the Commission impose the same restrictions on agricultural imports?

The WTO would almost certainly impose a fine on the EU if the Commission demanded that European rules on glyphosate must also apply to all imports into Europe, since the WTO does not recognise the precautionary principle underlying such a ban.

Who would pay this fine?

Would consideration be given to setting up a fund outside the national and European budgets in order to avoid taxpayers having to pay the penalty?