

Question for written answer E-000610/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Approval of propolis as a basic substance: admissibility

Every new request for approval of a plant protection product must comply with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market. In accordance with the regulation, more specifically its Article 23, a French SME submitted, in late 2016, an approval application for the basic substance propolis, a product which can be used for the protection of bananas. The approval decision is based on successive assessments by DG Health and Food Safety, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCPAFF). It would appear that the application is currently blocked at the level of DG Health and Food Safety, which has not yet given its ruling on admissibility.

What problems concerning the admissibility of this substance for plant protection have been encountered?

Does the Commission have any other bio-control solutions to propose for the use or replacement of this substance?