Question for written answer E-002144/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Infestation of Tecia solanivora

In its answer to question E-005990/2017 on infestations of *Tecia solanivora*, the Commission referred me to the conclusions of the meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 13 and 14 July 2017.

These conclusions mention that measures had been taken in Spain 'to prevent the movement of plants, but focused on the place of its detection, which is not necessarily the source of the pest. Therefore, these measures are unlikely to result in eradication of the pest, but should inhibit its spread'. Even so, the adoption of additional measures was considered unnecessary.

In light of these conclusions, does the Commission consider it acceptable that no measures have been taken to eradicate the pest? Additionally, given the time that has elapsed since then, what is the Commission's assessment of the situation now, and are further measures envisaged?

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