

**Question for written answer P-009260/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Pesticide and insecticide use along the EU's Mediterranean arc

Some local authorities around the Mediterranean are facing an unprecedented resurgence of problems caused by the presence of adult mosquitos, particularly species of *Aedes* (four locally contracted cases of chikungunya were recently identified in Montpellier). The causal factors are flooding and unseasonably high temperatures. The authorities responsible for pest control are finding it very hard to tackle the problem and they report that the current legislation (Directive 98/8/EC) is inhibiting their efforts. Rules imposed in application of this directive are apparently preventing them from taking the requisite action against the adult mosquitos either in their natural habitat (no pesticides are approved for use there) or in urban areas (where the use of deltamethrin is restricted).

1. Who makes the rules banning or permitting the substances referred to: the Commission or the French Government?
2. As to the legislation currently in force, are there any plans to review Directive 98/8/EC?
3. Will the new regulation on invasive alien species (COM(2013) 620 final) do anything to ease the task of the authorities concerned?