

**Question for written answer P-004803/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Products of modern agricultural technology (MAT)

According to recent information on the sanitary and phytosanitary chapter of the TTIP negotiations, the US intends to introduce special regulatory approvals for products of modern agricultural technology (MAT). The new proposal raises several concerns as it may affect the functioning of the EU's GMO authorisation procedure. Moreover, the working group to be set up under this proposal would be the forum for the parties – among others – to discuss and resolve specific trade concerns arising from any of the parties' measures affecting products of MAT.

1. In the Commission's view, does the concept of MAT also refer to GMO products?
2. Could the above-mentioned working group have any role in, or influence on, the EU's GMO authorisation procedure, particularly in the event that a Member State prohibits the cultivation of a GMO product on its territory?
3. In the Commission's view, could such a decision be contested by one of the parties or stakeholders (GMO producers, for example) before this forum?