

**Question for written answer P-010059/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Constance Le Grip (PPE)**

Subject: Protection of workers exposed to pesticides during crop spraying

The 'Machinery' Directives (directives 2006/42/EC and 2009/127/EC) lay down essential requirements to protect the health of workers likely to inhale pesticides, a situation which arises particularly during crop spraying.

1. Is crop treatment machinery fitted with a cab (motor vehicles, tractors) covered by the safety obligations under those directives when it is actually used (when pesticides are applied to field crops)?
2. If agricultural uses of such machinery were explicitly and completely excluded from the scope of a given provision, could that provision be properly considered in itself to constitute a presumption of conformity with the Machinery Directives?
3. What steps has the Commission taken or will it take regarding the protection of workers exposed to pesticides being applied to field crops in cases where one or more Member States have failed to carry out the necessary checks?