

**Question for written answer P-003936/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Final results of laboratory analyses of samples of mixed honey

As part of a coordinated food safety inquiry into mixed honey offered for sale on the European Union's internal market in February last year, the Commission examined 2 230 samples of it. According to the preliminary results, 17% of these samples were derived from products implicated in food fraud. At the same time, they constituted 29% of honeys imported across the EU's external borders. The Commission is therefore having further examinations of these samples performed by the central JRC laboratory using magnetic resonance. In view of the alarming figures gathered to date, the Commission ought to take considerably more than 2 230 samples, particularly at the EU's external borders, from which so far only 52 samples have been taken, which is a very small figure.

1. Will the Commission ask the authorities of the Member States and the EU's external border posts to provide further samples of mixed honey?
2. Does not the Commission think that, in order to examine the honey samples collected, it would be appropriate to involve the laboratories of QSI in Bremen and EUROFINS in France, which are suitably equipped?
3. When will final and accredited results of the examinations of the samples of mixed honey that have been collected be available?