

**Question for written answer P-008333/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possible effect of CETA on the current rules on imports of genetically modified products

Public opinion in Bulgaria is currently strongly opposed to GMOs, and this is a determining factor in the conservative and restrictive domestic policy that has to date been pursued in these matters. In recent months, it has increasingly been claimed that the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada may pose a threat to the current EU rules on the import of genetically modified products. One of the arguments most frequently adduced in support of that claim is that in Canada it is not obligatory to list GMOs on food labels.

1. Is there a risk that CETA will bring about changes in the current EU legal framework in this field and in the rules on the control, labelling and tracking of GMOs in foodstuffs?
2. How will compliance with the requirements of EU law in respect of the placing on the market and use of genetically modified organisms be ensured?
3. Is there a risk that once CETA enters into force genetically modified products will find their way onto the European market unbeknown to European citizens?