

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1576/05  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Legislation on the coexistence of traditional and genetically modified organisms

How does the Commission intend to approach the issue of the coexistence of traditional and genetically modified organisms with a view to protecting and maintaining traditional forms of production? Will legislation be adopted that not only regulates the question of liability in the event of damage but that also prohibits the possibility of such danger from the outset? Is it correct that, as long as no uniform rules exist for Member States, farmers are bound by national rules, even where these, for example, prohibit the planting of genetically modified seed?