

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3995/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Use of dichlorvos

The European Commission has decided to reduce the maximum residue level (MRL) for dichlorvos to 0.01 mg/kg, thereby making its use to protect stored cereals impossible. This has created a problem for many people working in the cereals sector. Since there is currently no alternative to this substance, the impossibility of using dichlorvos to protect stored foodstuffs will create serious problems in the cereals industry in the short and medium term.

Would it be possible to envisage the reintroduction, for a limited period to be determined by the European Commission, of an objective MRL authorising the use of dichlorvos to protect stored cereals?