

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6231/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Active substances and plant production products

By comparison with many other chemicals there is a significant knowledge base on plant protection products. It is predicted that there will be some active substances lost under the proposed Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market (COM(2006)0388, Replacement of Council Directive 91/414/EEC<sup>1</sup>). How much improvement in human health will result from applying hazard based triggers on plant protection products, but not to other naturally occurring and man-made chemicals to which EU citizens are exposed? Are there any proposals to apply similar restrictions to reduce exposure to other chemicals (natural and man-made)?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.