

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6235/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Grass weeds

Grass-weeds cause major yield losses throughout the EU and can also provide a host for diseases which can harm humans, such as ergot. The loss of key actives such as pendimethalin and mesosulfuron would severely affect grass weed control.

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/EEC¹) several of these key herbicides may be lost.

Can the Commission therefore confirm what would be the impact of these changes on crop production, crop economics and on soil?

¹ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.