

**Question for written answer E-006725/2011  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Authorisation of the use of pesticides

A matter relating to the authorisation of the use of pesticides in farming was recently brought to my attention. It would appear that in recent times in France a more flexible approach to their use has been adopted.

In its capacity as guardian of EU law and of the proper application of secondary legislation on pesticides, can the Commission confirm that this is the case in France?

If it is, how can it explain this more permissive attitude towards the use of pesticides?