

**Question for written answer E-006719/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: GM Plants with stacked genes

On 25 February 2013, Member States adopted a regulation relating to the evaluation of health risks linked to the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). This Regulation states that genetically modified plants that have been subjected to several processes would not be evaluated, unless in exceptional circumstances, if the Commission has previously authorised their individual features. This position logically implies that plant genes operate independently of each other.

Can the Commission certify that 'unless in exceptional circumstances, plant genes operate independently of each other'?