

**Question for written answer E-002890/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Special production rules for organic farming

Judging from the results of the online public consultation on the revision of European policies on organic farming¹, which was carried out in the first quarter of 2013, 61% of respondents are in favour of removing the special production rules that are currently in force. However, if we extrapolate the score for the farmers who took part in the consultation, over 75% of the respondents are against the removal of these rules. The special production rules are of particular importance in those Member States in which the organic sector has not yet developed sufficiently (for example the majority of the new Member States) and are necessary in order to give farmers time to adapt to the requirements of organic farming legislation.

Can the Commission state whether it still intends to remove the majority of the special production rules without even providing a satisfactory transitional period?

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/documents/eu-policy/of-public-consultation-final-report_en.pdf