

**Question for written answer E-003622/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Wasp traps and associated risks to bees

In response to the widespread bee mortality in Europe, a ban on neonicotinoids was adopted – albeit a partial ban for two years only – but the dangers to bees have not been eradicated. It is currently reported that wasp traps which are legally marketed in the EU present a significant risk to bees, as they attract bees as well as wasps. That being so, I should like to ask the following questions:

1. What body decides about the approval of products such as wasp traps, and what are the parameters used in testing such products?
2. In what source of law are the relevant legal standards to be found?
3. Is the Commission working on any other measures to ensure the continued protection of bees in future?