

**Question for written answer E-004611/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protective measures against pests of plants

The proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants is part of a complete revision package for the current legislation on plant health, the quality of plant reproductive material, animal health, official plant controls, animals, food and feed, as well as the European Union's expenses related to these policies.

However, the scope of the regulation is limited, as it excludes ultra-peripheral regions.

Considering that the EU wishes to leverage the advantages of ultra-peripheral regions for economic growth in high-value-added sectors, why did the Commission not deem it appropriate to extend this regulation to their territory as well?

Does the Commission envisage other specific actions as regards the protective measures against pests of plants for these regions?