

**Question for written answer E-005386/2014
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Possibility that the TTIP will annul the partial ban on neonicotinoids

In an exclusive interview with viEUws, John Atkin, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Syngenta, calls for the harmonisation of safety standards in the area of seeds and chemicals.

1. Is the Commission aware of this interview in which the COO of Syngenta says he wants to annul the partial ban on neonicotinoids through the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)?
2. Can the Commission rule out that this outcome desired by Syngenta will be achieved through the TTIP?
3. On what legal basis will the Commission act to ensure this?