

**Question for written answer E-001802/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Jan Huitema (ALDE) and Bas Belder (ECR)

Subject: Progress of the assessment of new plant-breeding techniques

In its response to Jan Huitema's questions (E-006525/2014, 17.10.2014), the Commission stated that it intended to complete the legal analysis of new plant-breeding techniques such as cisgenesis within the forthcoming months.

1. How much progress has been made in the legal analysis of new plant-breeding techniques since the Commission responded to Jan Huitema's questions, and can the Commission now clarify when the legal analysis will be completed?
2. Is the Commission aware of EU citizens' positive attitude towards cisgenesis¹, and is it prepared to take these findings into consideration in its assessment of new plant-breeding techniques such as cisgenesis?
3. Can the Commission explain how products produced using new plant-breeding techniques such as cisgenesis will be labelled if the Commission decides that these techniques should no longer be considered as genetic modification?

¹ http://lib.ugent.be/fulltxt/RUG01/002/166/750/RUG01-002166750_2014_0001_AC.pdf