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to the Commission**

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Subject: Partial ban on neonicotinoids

The Commission is meant to review the current partial ban on neonicotinoids in 2015.

1. One year into the ban on neonicotinoids, what data from scientific papers and field trials have the Commission and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) collected?
2. On what basis are Member States granted derogations from this ban? Does the Commission properly assess the real necessity and the availability of alternatives, before derogations are accepted?
3. According to Regulation (EU) 1107/2009, pesticide derogations may be granted when no reasonable alternative exists. What is the Commission's definition of what is a 'reasonable alternative'?