

**Question for written answer E-002186/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Dangers associated with the storage of foodstuffs

In accordance with Annex I(5)(b) to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs, 'food business operators producing or harvesting plant products are to take adequate measures, as appropriate, to ensure, where necessary, hygienic production, transport and storage conditions for, and the cleanliness of, plant products'.

In 2009, the firm Nutréa-Triskalia in Plouisy, Brittany, used a pesticide which had been banned since 2007, Nuvan Total, to treat cereals stored in a silo. Two workers on the site suffered severe food poisoning. In 2010, in the same firm, a pesticide (nuvagrain, an authorised one this time), was spilt on cereals at a dose seven times higher than that allowed under the relevant rules. Once again, two workers suffered severe food poisoning.

What can the Commission do to enforce the regulations it has introduced?

In the light of the new knowledge which has emerged (CIR report) concerning the toxicity of pesticides, does the Commission intend to ban additional substances at long last?

Lastly, does it plan to take further measures to protect workers in the agri-food sector?