

Question for written answer E-003236/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Checks on imports of contaminated vegetables from third countries

Data on imports of vegetables and agricultural products from third countries is alarming. Analyses conducted by the European Food Safety Authority show that the amount of additives, colouring agents and mycotoxins is much higher than the limits established and regulated by the EU, which is detrimental to hundreds of thousands of agricultural products and above all to public health.

The most contaminated products include basil, parsley, broccoli, courgettes and tomato paste, which is considered a 'chemical bomb' harmful to human health.

Given that the majority of agricultural products are processed and used in the food industry, before ending up on the shelves in large-scale retail outlets; what is the Commission doing to check contaminated vegetables from third countries?

Does the Commission believe that it is time to revise current concessions with a view to protecting the health of European consumers?