

**Question for written answer E-004879/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Hormone disruptors and neonicotinoids

Regulatory discussions are currently taking place in the European Union on hormone disruptors and neonicotinoids, as well as on renewed authorisations for their use. However, a decision has not been made on whether to withdraw them definitively from the market or whether to continue their use.

In view of this, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

When does the Commission intend to put forward the final scientific criteria for the use of hormone disruptors and neonicotinoids?

Has the Commission held public consultations with agricultural organisations in that regard?

Has the Commission carried out an analysis of the impact that withdrawing the abovementioned plant protection products could have on European agriculture (particularly on field and orchard crops) and industry? In light of that, is the Commission not concerned by the increased risk of using illegal imports and counterfeit plant protection products of an unknown composition and origin?