

**Question for written answer E-006032/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Robert Rochefort (ALDE)**

Subject: Derogation from the rules concerning the marketing of plant protection products

Article 4(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market provides for a derogation permitting the use of certain active substances which do not meet the requirements of the Regulation. Such a derogation, particularly concerning matters with such major implications for the environment and public health, can only exist subject to strict conditions, as any unjustified recourse to it would erode the rule of law in a democratic society and impair the legitimacy of European Union action to protect the environment and public health.

1. Has the derogation provided for by Article 4(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 been invoked? If so, for which active substances?
2. In accordance with what scientific criteria and by what method can permission be granted to invoke the derogation?
3. Has the Commission assessed the impact of this derogation on the environmental and public health requirements laid down in other sectoral EU legislation?