

**Question for written answer E-005409/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Asian longhorn beetle

The control measures taken against the Asian longhorn beetle (ALB), a quarantine pest, are finding little acceptance among the affected population.

What conditions would lead to the ALB being classified as an established pest, and which authority or body is competent to take such a decision?

What would be the consequences of it being classified as an established pest?

How many trees have had to be felled in recent years as a result of the eradication strategy (broken down by country)?

How many trees have been found to have died in the EU or to be in clear and present danger of dying, demonstrably as a result of ALB infestation?