

**Question for written answer E-001113/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Use of neonicotinoid pesticides

Neonicotinoid pesticides are found in pollen brought back to hives by bees. Neonicotinoids contaminate beebread; as much as 42 % of this substance has been found in samples of beebread. Farmers and traders do not always indicate what substances have been used to treat rapeseed, or whether the product may contain residues which may be very harmful to human health.

Does the Commission have any data on whether there are currently effective alternative treatments for rapeseed pests, and does it intend to carry out a study on this issue?

Are there any concrete data or research findings on the effects of neonicotinoids on bees and honey?

Are there any plans to ban the use of such pesticides due to their harmful effects on human health?