

**Question for written answer E-000299/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Chemical hazards in our food

According to the Court of Auditors' Special Report of 15 January 2019 on EU food safety, Member States' tests on foods marketed in the EU covered certain groups of chemical substances more than others. Almost no controls on enzymes, flavourings and food contact materials are carried out.

With regard to food contact materials, 138 risk management decisions of 156 applications concerning recycled plastic were pending adoption. As a result, all recycling processes may still be used, regardless of the final assessment on the safety of the materials.

The report also reveals that the residues of certain pesticides whose use is limited in the EU may be tolerated in imported products because, under World Trade Organisation rules, importing countries may only assess the risk to consumers and may not use hazard-based criteria to exclude potential imports.

1. What measures have been taken to ensure the safety of food contact materials, whether recycled plastics or any other material?
2. What countries have recently requested 'import tolerance' for food containing active substances which are not authorised or are subject to restrictions in the EU? What requests have been granted?