

**Question for written answer E-001350/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulatory barriers to hemp cultivation

The tetrahydrocannabinol limits applied to hemp grown in the EU severely restrict the variety of seeds that farmers can use. Amendments tabled as part of the post-2020 common agricultural policy reform aim to increase the allowable tetrahydrocannabinol limit for farmers seeking funding. Given the significant impact that approval of such an increase could have, it is important that MEPs understand the different options that an increase to 3 %, 4 % or 5 % would open up for EU farmers.

Has the Commission carried out an impact study on the potential benefits of increasing the hemp tetrahydrocannabinol limit from the current 0.2 % for EU farmers who are eligible for CAP funding, and if not, has it conducted any other research on how the removal of regulatory barriers could enhance the EU hemp industry?