

Question for written answer E-003242/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: EU-wide ban on food products containing glyphosate

Recent statistics show 9.1% of the wheat samples tested by Member States to contain glyphosate residues. Levels were below the threshold of 10mg of glyphosate per kg of wheat permitted under Regulation 293/2013, but this is a high threshold and fails to take into account the cumulative impact on people for whom wheat is part of a daily diet.

In recent years, several bodies (IARC, WHO, the American Cancer Society and the Ramazzini Institute) have stressed the carcinogenic effects and health risks of glyphosate.

Furthermore, in 2011, it was scientifically proven that the glyphosate molecule has an antibiotic action on beneficial intestinal bacteria such as *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium*.

Under Recommendation No 187/2005/EC, the marketing and sale of any antibiotics not for intended for therapeutic use has been banned since 1 June 2006.

Can the Commission therefore state:

1. whether it would consider a complete ban on agri-food products containing glyphosate, owing to its antibiotic action;
2. whether it might apply the precautionary principle and impose an import ban on products containing glyphosate;
3. whether EFSA could conduct a fresh assessment of the tolerable daily intake of glyphosate with a view to establishing a new maximum permissible content?