

Question for written answer E-003921/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Products derived from hemp

In light of Article 2(g) of Chapter 1 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, Community Plant Variety Office Protocol CPVO-TQ/276/1, Commission Directive 2003/90/EC of 6 October 2003 setting out implementing measures for the purposes of Article 7 of Council Directive 2002/53/EC as regards the characteristics to be covered as a minimum by the examinations and the minimum conditions for examining certain varieties of agricultural plant species, and Council Directive 2002/57/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants, can the Commission answer the following questions:

Should products derived from industrial hemp plant varieties duly listed in the 'Common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species' be considered as narcotics within the meaning of the United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 and the United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971?

Why is no mention made of the means by which varieties of industrial hemp that propagate asexually may be certified and marketed and how they can comply?