

**Question for written answer E-004191/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Unauthorised use of 1,3-dichloropropene

1,3-dichloropropene is an active substance the placing on the market and use of which is not authorised by Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, save where derogations or exceptional authorisations have been granted.

However, this unauthorised agro-toxin is the most widely used in Spain of all those for which exceptional authorisation has been granted. According to data from the Ministry of Agriculture, from 2011 up to and including 2019, 27 exceptional authorisations have been granted, which routinely affect more than half of Spanish territory.

Does the Commission consider that the Ministry of Agriculture is abusing the use of exceptional authorisations provided for in Article 53 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009?

Does the Commission intend to follow the opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), which, with a view to safeguarding the health of European citizens and protecting our environment, advises against the authorisation of this substance, and thus to put an end to new exceptional authorisations and the new attempt within SCoPAFF to have it authorised?