

**Question for written answer E-001153/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Lobbying by the agrochemical industry

A report published by the Corporate Europe Observatory NGO states that the Commission postponed its initial plan to ban the import of dangerous pesticides or products which have been exposed to such substances as a result of intense lobbying by the giants of the agrochemical industry calling for the reintroduction of currently-banned substances to the market.

These include substances which are known to be carcinogenic or endocrine disrupting. This is therefore not simply a call for the precautionary principle to be relaxed but clearly for the use of products acknowledged as toxic to be permitted.

Will the Commission, which at times demands transparency from Members to the point of meddling in their activities, confirm that this lobbying takes place and tell us how much it has succeeded in slowing down Parliament's work in seeking alternatives to certain plant protection products such as glyphosate?

Or has the Commission already succumbed or complied with the demands of the lobbyists?

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