

**Question for written answer E-004240/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Follow-up on questions concerning emergency authorisations

The answer to my written question E-002368/2020 states: ‘if found necessary, the Commission will consider adopting an Implementing Regulation setting out criteria, in a legally binding way, on when emergency authorisations can be granted.’

According to the Commission, in 2019, EU Member States granted 518 emergency authorisations <sup>1</sup> without raising any eyebrows in the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, which did not carry out any inspections.

1. Does the Commission not consider such a binding regulation to be necessary, at a time when Article 53 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 has become a free for all concerning the use of prohibited substances or to avoid procedures for minor uses?
2. Does the Commission not consider that the ‘back door’ that Article 53 has become, with the acquiescence of the Committee, seriously jeopardises the objectives of the Green New Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy and that, therefore, after 11 years, it is time to establish binding measures to ensure strict compliance with the spirit of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and Directive 2009/128/EC?

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<sup>1</sup> Ref.: Ares(2020)375494 – 21/01/2020