

**Question for written answer E-006522/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Follow-up question on the sale of unauthorised substances

As we understand from the answers given by Commissioner Kyriakides to questions from MEPs, harmonised risk indicator 1 (HRI 1) includes the sale of non-approved substances, according to Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009.

Said Annex was amended by Regulation (EU) 2017/269<sup>1</sup>, which added a list of substances, while 158 substances were removed, with regard to 36 of which 359 emergency derogations were provided for between 2016 and 2020<sup>2</sup>, which proves that they are being sold and used.

It should be noted that these include 1,3-dichloropropene and chloropicrin, which have an index of 4 — that is the highest — for the calculation of HRI 1 and that, according to the statistics submitted by Spain to Eurostat in 2016 and 2017, 1,3-dichloropropene is the fourth most used substance in Spain, with no data being available for chloropicrin which is used in conjunction with it.

One must also stress the importance of a rigorous calculation of HRI 1, as the monitoring and achievement of the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy go hand in hand with this.

1. Are we to understand that Member States have not been obliged to report data on these 158 substances to Eurostat since 2017?
2. If so, does the Commission consider that the omission of these data undermines the calculation of HRI 1, rendering it unrigorous?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/269/oj>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database/ppp/pppeas/screen/home>