

**Question for written answer E-002886/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Use of sulfuryl fluoride in the EU

The insecticide sulfuryl fluoride (SO₂F₂) is over 4 000 times more damaging to the climate than CO₂, yet it is used in large quantities, among other things to fumigate containers used to transport wood in order to combat wood pests. Some importing countries such as China and Australia stipulate its use. According to experts, the increase in its use in the EU is linked to the current rise in wood exports from the EU.

1. Will the Commission prohibit the use of this substance in the context of the Green Deal and put forward economically-viable, environmentally-friendly alternatives and/or sensitise the economy to these alternatives, thereby ensuring that SO₂F₂ no longer enters the environment?
2. Does the Commission have an overview of the use of the substance (amount and reason for use) in the EU and the resultant impact on the climate?