

**Question for written answer E-004104/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Presence of glyphosate in Kamut trademarked organic wheat imported into the EU

Kamut is a registered trademark used for Khorasan or Turanico wheat, an ancient wheat grain at the centre of a turnover in the millions. In Italy considerable ambiguity surrounds this grain meaning the trademark Kamut is often mistaken for the name of the wheat itself.

Unlike in Canada (where most of the Kamut trademarked wheat comes from), glyphosate is not permitted in organic products in the EU. Incoming wheat must comply with the threshold of 0.01 mg/kg for presence of glyphosate.

Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 requires an investigation if the presence of glyphosate is suspected, in order to dispel all doubts and ascertain whether its presence there is accidental or the result of fraud.

In 2017 the Italian organic farming federation Federbio reported 'frequent cases of Kamut imported into the EU being contaminated', after four containers in a consignment of five were found to be contaminated. Despite this, Kamut wheat continued to be marketed and no inquiry was ever carried out.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is it aware that glyphosate is present in organic wheat imported into the EU under the Kamut trademark?
2. Does it consider Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 to have been infringed?
3. How will it support the establishment of an EU ancient grain supply chain?