

**Question for written answer E-000625/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Products for use against the Varroa mite in beekeeping

The new Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/6) came into force on 28 January 2022. The new rules entail changes with regard to beekeeping. It is certain that, in Germany, standard marketing authorisations will cease for the following three anti-Varroa-mite products: formic acid, lactic acid and oxalic acid dihydrate. There will be a transitional period until 2027, however.

Many beekeepers are no longer able to operate for economic reasons, resulting in greater dependence on imports of honey from third countries. In turn, in many instances, those imports do not meet EU standards, lowering the quality of honey products.

1. Does the Commission realise that the discontinuation of standard authorisations is not in the interests of domestic beekeeping?
2. To what extent can the Commission judge whether, after the transitional period, there will be new authorisations or new and innovative solutions for the treatment of bees against the Varroa mite?
3. How can the Commission ensure that tailored and workable solutions are provided for the various bee institutes, and to what extent will it be possible to grant individual national authorisations?