

**Question for written answer E-000653/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Danger from fruit and vegetables imported from Turkey

In January, the RASFF (European Union Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed) registered 53 reports of Turkish consignments of fruit and vegetables containing prohibited pesticide residues or exceeding EU authorised residue ceilings, out of a total of 78 rejected consignments from the entire world intended for the European Union

EU legislation is designed to ensure a consistent, high level of food and feed safety through the RASFF. At the same time, under Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council of 25 February 1998 on the trade regime for agricultural products (98/223/EC), Turkey enjoys a preferential regime regarding the importation into the EU of its agricultural products. In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say which consignments were intended for which Member States?
2. Has it contacted the Greek authorities on this specific matter?
3. What is its assessment of the level of consumer protection under the existing regulatory framework provisions and what improvements is it planning to make?