

**Question for written answer E-003650/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Plant protection problems for garlic crops

European garlic producers have access to fewer and fewer active substances to deal with the plant protection problems affecting garlic crops. This situation is further exacerbated in some of the producing Member States as the mutual recognition system does not function well, resulting in a situation whereby active substances available in France may not be authorised in other producing Member States, for example Spain.

The problems vary depending on the type of disease to be controlled and the application required (fungi control, seed disinfection or nematode control).

1. Can the Commission offer any solution to remedy this lack of active substances?
2. Is the Commission aware that the poor functioning of the mutual recognition system means that active substances are denied to producers in some Member States and not others?

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