

**Question for written answer E-000201/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Ongoing infringements regarding fruit and vegetable imports from Türkiye

The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) has registered 578 alerts regarding excessive pesticide levels in imported fruit and vegetables, with 50.52% of rejected produce coming from Türkiye<sup>1</sup>.

Further to my question E-000653/2022 of January 2022 on this matter, the Commission replied that a number of products from Türkiye were listed in Annexes I and II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 and were subject to specific conditions and more intensive controls.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what measures it plans to take in response to the findings of the latest annual report by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) regarding the effectiveness of pesticide checks on fruit and vegetables imported into the EU, especially from Türkiye?
2. In view of Türkiye's repeated infringements of the Regulation, what steps will it take to address the problem and tighten up existing regulatory framework provisions?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.makthes.gr/toyrkika-froyta-kai-lachanika-foyl-sta-lipasmata-aneparkeis-oi-fytoygeionomikoi-elegchoi-stin-ellada-625021>