

**Question for written answer E-000314/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Crickets and larvae in food

Not long ago, approval was given to use certain crickets and larvae in food, in powder form. Those with allergies will now have to extra attention to products that they previously bought without worrying. For every 100 grams, 5 grams can be made up of insects, even in meat replacements. They are said to be rich in protein and vitamin B, and the process to farm them more climate-friendly than that of chickens, cattle and pigs¹.

1. How does the Commission justify the fact that the company that has been selected as the sole supplier of defatted *acheta domesticus* powder for the next 5 years is based outside the EU?
2. How will it prevent the same problem from happening as on the PV market, where the promotion of exports by mainly Asian companies has left EU companies unable to prevail as they are less competitive?
3. How will it ensure that citizens with visual and reading difficulties are able to clearly identify that foodstuffs contain insects from their labels?

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¹ <https://exxpress.at/kampagne-laeuft-wer-keine-insekten-essen-will-der-ist-jetzt-ein-eu-gegner/>