

**Question for written answer E-000222/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Labelling of processed agricultural products

At present, the use of pesticides in the EU remains high, and the use of low-risk pesticides in the EU is much lower than the use of hazardous pesticides – a difference of thousands of percent every year. It should also be noted that the situation has not been improving quickly enough over the years, as pesticides that are harmful to the environment and to humans are used in large quantities. For example, in 2020, the use of Group IV pesticides will be 5 000% higher than the use of Group I pesticides with low-risk active substances.

Pesticides are harmful because they can cause cancer and damage the brain, the nervous system, the reproductive system and the endocrine system EU citizens therefore need to be informed about the substances that have been used to treat the food that they and their children eat. This is necessary to enable citizens to make responsible choices about the food they consume and to be aware of the consequences of consuming certain products.

1. Does the Commission agree on the importance of informing EU citizens about the chemicals used in the food they eat?
2. What measures will the Commission take to allow citizens to choose which group of chemical substances their food is treated with?

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