

**Question for written answer E-000509/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Situation of products treated with plant protection substances in the EU

One of the demands made at the recent farmers' protests in a number of EU Member States is an end to unfair competition from producers in third countries that have less strict laws on the regulation and use of plant protection products, as some of these products are prohibited in the EU.

In view of this:

1. What measures is the Commission considering to meet the farmers' demands?
2. Has it considered revising Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market to simplify the procedure to approve plant protection products currently banned in the EU and could the EFSA study indicate that they are not harmful so that they can be used in the same way as they are used by farmers in third countries?
3. Similarly, with a view to preventing unfair competition, will it propose a reform to ensure better border controls of imports from third countries containing plant protection substances that are banned in the EU so as to ensure that they comply with the existing MRLs and tighten them up where necessary?

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