

**Question for written answer E-000649/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting honey producers and European consumers

The honey produced by bees, especially organic honey, has natural antibacterial agents, enzymes, vitamins and minerals that protect our bodies from germs. It is a real health elixir. However, for various reasons, such as the use of pesticides, bees are either killed on the spot or some of their bodily functions are compromised, which results in humans being deprived of the invaluable product they produce.

This results in increased adulteration of honey, as it is blended with honey from outside the EU, mainly from China, Turkey and the United Kingdom. The consequence of this is that both producers who do not blend their honey and consumers who consume products of dubious quality and origin suffer.

What steps is the Commission taking to protect producers who do not blend the honey they produce?

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