

ORAL QUESTION H-0706/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: New detailed socio-economic impact assessment of plant protection products

Today, we are facing global food insecurity and increased costs for foodstuffs. Since the original impact assessment of the plant protection products package was completed in 2004, environmental issues have changed considerably. Given the fact that world food prices are rising and this has repercussions for EU citizens and developing countries, notably on constraints on food production, can the Commission complete a detailed impact assessment of the Pesticides (plant protection products) package with a focus on the socio-economic elements of the current Common Position with the Council? Also, can the Commission give us an opinion on whether food prices would be greater or less if a risk-based approach was adopted?

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