

**Question for written answer P-000649/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Changes to the maximum residue limits for chlordecone in meat products

In December 2017, the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES) published an opinion on consumer exposure to chlordecone in the French Caribbean.

In its opinion, ANSES points out that Regulation (EU) No 212/2013 removed a clarification concerning fat-soluble pesticides in meat from Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 and that this modification means that the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for chlordecone in meat products differ very substantially from those set by Regulation (EC) No 149/2008 and, subsequently, Regulation (EC) No 839/2008, once the fat-soluble nature of chlordecone has been taken into account. More specifically, ANSES calculates that, since 2013, the MRLs in meat products have been increased by a factor of between five and ten, depending on the products concerned.

Can the Commission provide information about this change in the rules and assessment of the effectiveness of the current rules?

Can the Commission confirm whether or not the MRLs for meat products have been increased by a factor of 5-10, depending on the products concerned? If they have, can it say what the reasons for this change were and what measures the Commission or Member States could take to bring MRLs back down to what they were before?