

**Priority question for written answer P-001957/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Renewal of the derogation/authorisation allowing the use of sulphuryl fluoride for the fumigation of oak logs from the US

Further to the answer I received on 15 March to my question of 8 February 2021,

I should like to return to the matter now that the necessary conditions have been met to resolve the problem.

While oak logs with bark from the US requiring preventive treatment account for only 2 % of all imported wood, this nevertheless amounts to a very substantial quantity for certain European companies.

In November 2020, the EFSA unequivocally came out in favour of substituting methyl bromide with sulfuryl fluoride, a number of additional provisions relating to the use thereof and research into alternative solutions. Therefore, bearing in mind the adverse effect of the current situation on a number of European processing companies and

the EFSA recommendations of November 2020, does the Commission consider that the necessary conditions have been met for a further derogation with immediate effect for the substitution of methyl bromide with sulfuryl fluoride and the adoption of all additional measures proposed by the EFSA?