

**Question for written answer E-004146/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Request for a temporary extension for the use of acetamiprid on banana crops in the Canary Islands (Spain)

The banana industry in the Canary Islands is facing a critical situation due to the imminent expiry (October 2025) of the authorisation for acetamiprid, an active substance essential for controlling whiteflies, a pest that can be devastating for banana crops. There are currently no viable alternatives that are as effective. This means that producers risk seeing the health of their crops completely ruined, leading to economic and social collapse in an outermost region that is highly dependent on bananas.

The sector is calling for a temporary extension of two years, with new good agricultural practices (GAPs) limiting its use to annual application and a safety period of 60 days, with a view to setting a maximum residue level of 0.2 mg/kg and allowing safe alternatives to be developed.

In view of the above:

Does the Commission intend to authorise a temporary extension of acetamiprid under a new GAP – in accordance with the principle of proportionality and the legislation on plant protection products – in order to avoid an absence of protection that would jeopardise the crop's sustainability and competitiveness vis-à-vis third countries with access to more effective plant protection tools?

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