

Question for written answer E-001492/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Import authorisations for genetically modified crops

The Commission is committed to an ambitious simplification agenda, including cutting red tape in the implementation of EU legislation. The EU agencies' authorisation procedures, however, generate a great deal of red tape, in particular when it comes to import authorisations for genetically modified crops.

At the moment, individual properties (e.g. properties A and B) are assessed separately. When these are subsequently combined through standard breeding ('stacks'), the assessment often restarts from the beginning, resulting in the duplication of work, longer processing times and unnecessary red tape for both authorities and applicants.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. How will the Commission ensure that EU agencies – and EFSA in particular – make a tangible contribution to the simplification agenda by reducing unnecessary, overlapping assessment requirements, including for GMO stacks?
2. Will the Commission seek to establish a more streamlined and science-based approach to the assessment of GMO stacks, where existing data and previous authorisations are more widely reused, without compromising on safety?
3. Is the Commission planning to give the EU agencies a specific mandate to identify and implement 'quick wins' for the simplification of authorisation procedures, including as regards GMO imports?

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