

**Question for written answer E-001536/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Classification of products within the PAFF Committee

The classification of borderline plant protection products and products not subject to this regime, undertaken within the PAFF Committee, is crucial to the functioning of the internal market and for the implementation of EU agricultural and environmental policy. Despite this, the procedure is largely based on informal working documents and practices that are not subject to uniform, binding procedural standards.

The reclassification of SILTAC in January 2024 showed that the lack of clear rules on evidentiary standards, procedural transparency and stakeholder participation can lead to decisions that have significant market effects, without minimum procedural safeguards comparable to those applicable in formal administrative procedures being provided. In practice, this means that decisions of a de facto regulatory nature are being taken with no procedural framework that is adapted to the effects these decisions have.

In connection with the above:

1. Does the Commission recognise the need to establish minimum binding procedural standards for the qualification of PAFF Committee products, in particular ‘borderline’ products?
2. Does the Commission plan to set requirements on evidentiary standards, transparency and stakeholder participation in the process?
3. In what timeframe is the Commission considering possible changes in this regard?

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