

**Question for written answer E-002969/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Implications of the reclassification of SILTAC for plant protection and farms

In agricultural practice, plant protection relies on stable access to tried-and-tested tools to control pests while minimising the use of chemical plant protection products. SILTAC is a product with active physical effects that has been used by farmers in various Member States for many years as an alternative to conventional chemicals. Its availability has enabled professional users to plan crop protection in a predictable way, in line with the principles of sustainable farming.

In January 2024, as part of the SCoPAFF Committee's work, SILTAC was reclassified in the Commission's working document entitled 'Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 – scope and borderline issues'. It was placed into the category of plant protection products. This reclassification took place without a transition period. In practice, it has brought about a risk that farmers in some Member States might suddenly lose access to SILTAC as a tool, without being able to replace it with equivalent solutions.

With the above in mind:

1. Has the Commission looked into whether farmers have alternatives to SILTAC with a comparable profile and level of effectiveness?
2. What action does the Commission plan to take to prevent the loss of available tools to support plant protection in similar cases in the future?

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