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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Aviation and public health - implementation of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 923/2012

As well as being unpleasant, periodic mosquito infestations can at times pose a serious hazard to public health. Among the many mosquito-borne infectious diseases two examples worth singling out are West Nile disease and zika virus disease, given the risk that both could spread within the EU.

One of the most effective and widely used methods of mosquito control is aerial spraying, which is regulated by, for example, Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 and Implementing Regulation (EU) No 923/2012.

1. Do the above regulations and other EU rules allow localities or parts of them to be sprayed from the air with anti-mosquito mists? If so, under what conditions?

2. Can Member States lay down rules stricter than what is provided for in Implementing Regulation (EU) No 923/2012, more specifically in the ‘SERA.3115’ paragraph?

3. Are there any guidelines or examples of good practice for aerial spraying with anti-mosquito mists in and outside populated places?