

**Question for written answer E-016043/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Hilde Vautmans (ALDE)**

Subject: Safety of European apples

Is the Commission aware of a recent report published by Greenpeace entitled 'The bitter Taste of Europe's Apple Production'? If so, does it consider that, notwithstanding its title, the report portrays European apple growers in a favourable light?

Does it acknowledge that European producers are complying with the maximum residue levels (MRLs) laid down in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 and referred to in the EFSA's latest annual report?

Does the Commission therefore agree that European apples are safe and healthy for consumers?

Given that the EU has the strictest food safety standards, with which it is demonstrably complying, can the Commission now give greater attention to increasing public trust and confidence in the safety of our products?