Question for written answer E-015086/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Anja Hazekamp (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Genetically modified salmon

The US food agency FDA recently approved genetically modified super-salmon, AquAdvantage Atlantic salmon, for consumption. The GMO salmon will not have to be labelled as such, according to the FDA. There is strong public opposition to the FDA's decision in the USA, because of concerns about food safety and the environment.

- 1. Can the Commission guarantee that no unlabelled GMO salmon from the USA will enter the EU market once it is indeed being sold in the USA, and can the Commission indicate whether it is prepared to impose a moratorium on imports and sales of GMO animals and food derived from them?
- 2. In 2012, the EFSA drew up guidelines for risk assessments of GMO animals. Can the Commission indicate what form it expects a European authorisation procedure to take once the EFSA has performed a risk assessment on a potential application, indicating also how the Commission intends to organise a public debate on GMO animals, and whether food derived from GMO animals would be authorised under EU novel foods legislation, EU GMO legislation or new legislation?
- 3. Can the Commission guarantee that the EU will continue to debar GMO salmon from the European market, even if TTIP enters into force?

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