

**Question for written answer E-015531/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Food chain safety

Consumer protection is a priority for the EU.

Given that:

- product safety could be compromised along the entire supply chain – from primary production, processing and transportation to distribution – not only by the lack of or by the incorrect application of the voluntary HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) practices, but also through accidental contamination or tampering both from internal and external agents;
 - there is a real risk of terrorist attacks polluting or contaminating food through the food supply chain;
 - current legislation makes it possible to ensure the product along the supply chain through voluntary certification;
1. does the Commission believe that more visibility and importance should be given to this voluntary certification through specific legislation?
 2. is it possible to implement mandatory certification instead of voluntary certification under the current regulation?