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Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	<a href="#">2016/2903(RSP)</a>	Procedure completed
Resolution on low-risk pesticides of biological origin		
Subject		
3.10.09 Plant health legislation, organic farming, agro-genetics in general		
3.70.13 Dangerous substances, toxic and radioactive wastes (storage, transport)		
4.20 Public health		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 <a href="#">Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</a>		30/06/2016
			30/06/2016
		<a href="#">DORFMANN Herbert</a>	30/06/2016
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		<a href="#">POC Pavel</a>	30/06/2016
			30/06/2016
			
		<a href="#">GIRLING Julie</a>	
			
		<a href="#">RIES Frédérique</a>	
			
		<a href="#">STAES Bart</a>	
			
		<a href="#">EVI Eleonora</a>	
			
		<a href="#">D'ORNANO Mireille</a>	
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Health and Food Safety</a>	Commissioner ANDRIUKAITIS Vytenis Povilas	

Key events			

13/02/2017	Debate in Parliament		
15/02/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/02/2017	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T8-0042/2017</a>	Summary
15/02/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/2903(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Debate or resolution on oral question/interpellation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 136-p5
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/8/06978

### Documentation gateway

Amendments tabled in committee	<a href="#">PE595.672</a>	15/12/2016	EP	
Oral question/interpellation by Parliament	B8-1821/2017	13/02/2017	EP	
Motion for a resolution	<a href="#">B8-0140/2017</a>	14/02/2017	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	<a href="#">T8-0042/2017</a>	15/02/2017	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	<a href="#">SP(2017)358</a>	31/08/2017	EC	

## Resolution on low-risk pesticides of biological origin

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on low-risk pesticides of biological origin tabled by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

Present situation: Members stated that the use of conventional plant protection products is increasingly subject to public debate, due to the potential risks they pose to human health, animals and the environment. In a certain percentage of agricultural products of plant or animal origin, it is still possible to find undesirable pesticide residues above the maximum levels for pesticide.

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1107/2009](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market allows active substances to be approved as low-risk active substances. At present, only seven active substances classified as low-risk whereof six are active substances of biological origin are approved in the Union.

Moreover, products containing low-risk active substances of biological origin have been refused authorisation by a certain number of Member States owing to their perceived lower efficacy as compared to synthetic chemical pesticides, without any regard to the ongoing innovation in the sector for low-risk pesticides of biological origin, without considering the resource efficiency benefits for organic farming, and without considering agricultural, health and environmental costs of certain other plant protection products.

Revised legislation: Parliament called on the Commission to submit, before the end of 2018, a specific legislative proposal amending Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, with a view to establishing a fast-track evaluation, authorisation and registration process for low-risk pesticides of biological origin.

Immediate action: Parliament called for the swift adoption of the draft regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 as regards the criteria for the approval of low-risk active substances that the Commission submitted to the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF Committee).

They also called on the Commission and the Member States to accelerate the evaluation, authorisation, registration and monitoring of the use of low-risk plant protection products of biological origin while maintaining risk assessment at a high level.

Member States are called upon to: (i) include the use of low-risk pesticides of biological origin in their national action plans on the protection of the environment and of human health; (ii) exchange information and good practices deriving from the results of research into pest control, enabling the provision of alternative solutions that are viable in environmental, health and economic terms.