

**Question for written answer E-004970/2014/rev.1  
to the Council**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Food safety in agricultural products

The objective of EU food safety is to protect consumer health and interests while guaranteeing the smooth operation of the single market.

Council Directive 91/676/EEC aims to protect waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources through a number of measures incumbent on Member States. These measures involve monitoring surface waters and groundwater, designating vulnerable zones, introducing codes of good agricultural practice, adopting action programmes and evaluating the actions implemented.

Can the Council provide information on the measures that have been taken by all the EU Member States to implement the provisions of the directive, and indicate how the directive is being monitored in all the EU Member States?