

**Question for written answer E-006142/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: DMF (N,N-dimethylformamide)

The recommendation to include DMF (N,N-dimethylformamide) in Annex XIV for authorisation under REACH means that many jobs in the UK and elsewhere in the EU will be lost. A further adverse impact is that EU companies affected may be forced to set up plants in the Far East or the USA, where the substances are not banned.

1. Will the Commission consider exemption of DMF from the obligation for authorisation under Article 58(2) of REACH on the basis of other existing employee protection laws?
2. As solvents are not present in the finished article (nor classified as intermediates), is REACH the appropriate legislative tool in this case, given that the article threshold level does not prevent the import of goods made outside Europe using these solvents?
3. In light of the MSC notes that formed part of the recommendation to include DMF in Annex XIV for authorisation, can the Commission confirm that no inclusion can occur before the completion of the restriction for 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP)?