

**Question for written answer E-006740/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Solvent

Dimethylformamide (DMF) is a potentially harmful solvent which is used as part of the manufacturing process for, inter alia, coated fabrics. Although integral to the manufacturing process, DMF does not form part of the products themselves once fabricated. The recommendation to include DMF in Annex XIV for authorisation under the REACH regulation places many jobs in the UK at risk.

1. Will the Commission consider exempting this substance from the obligation for authorisation under Article 58(2) of the REACH regulation, on the basis of other existing employee protection laws? What arguments and facts will be taken into consideration?
2. Does the Commission wish to have a consistent approach to the polar aprotic solvents under the REACH regulation? As solvents are not present in the finished article, and given that the article threshold level does not prevent the importation of goods made using these solvents outside Europe, is the REACH regulation the most appropriate legislative tool?
3. In light of the Member State Committee's notes that formed part of the recommendation for the inclusion of DMF in Annex XIV for authorisation, can the Commission confirm that no such inclusion can occur before the restriction for N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) has been finalised?