

**Question for written answer E-008168/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Substances of very high concern (SVHCs) used in industry only, not present in consumer goods, for prioritisation and authorisation in accordance with REACH (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006)

Can the Commission explain what improvements have been achieved for general human health or the environment as a result of the authorisation of substances used exclusively in industrial applications and processes?

Does the Commission have any information showing whether the authorisation of such substances has no impact on the internal market and the competitiveness of the processing firms affected, bearing in mind that production using such substances can be relocated outside Europe because the import of the produced goods is unproblematic (< 0.1 w % SVHC)?