

**Question for written answer E-009223/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Consumer product safety - exposure of children to detergents

Ensuring the highest possible level of safety for consumers, especially children, regarding exposure to detergents, household and similar products is of great concern to us. According to statistics, poisoning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death in the WHO European Region and 3 000 young children aged 0 to 14 years die of acute poisoning every year. According to proposed Regulation 2013/0049(COD) on consumer product safety, 'the safety of products should be assessed taking into account all the relevant aspects, in particular their characteristics and presentation as well as the categories of consumers who are likely to use the products taking into account their vulnerability, in particular children, the elderly and the disabled.'

1. What course of action does the Commission plan to take to mitigate the safety risk of child-appealing consumer products (e.g. detergents, household and similar products)?
2. What are the specifics of plans for assessing 'child-appealing products' and the expected thresholds for these products to be deemed unsafe according to the proposed regulation?