

**Question for written answer E-011273/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Marketing authorisation procedure for azodicarbonamide

Azodicarbonamide is a molecule used in numerous products in Europe, especially the elastomer-based foams needed in the manufacture of rubber and shock-absorbing materials.

The Commission is due to rule on a new application procedure for special marketing authorisation for this molecule.

Given that azodicarbonamide is used mainly in industrial manufacturing, exposure to this molecule is in fact very limited. The introduction of a special authorisation procedure for azodicarbonamide would therefore appear to be disproportionate.

In light of this, does the Commission not think that, in order to regulate the industry better, it makes more sense to introduce a limit exposure value rather than a special authorisation procedure in order to protect both the health of European workers and industrial activity?