

**Question for written answer E-001827/2015  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** A study on the identification and categorisation of cancer-causing chemicals that affect the endocrine system

The Croatian media report that the European Union has avoided the introduction of a ban for at least 31 pesticides, 'ignoring' the scientific study that recommends the identification and categorisation of cancer-causing chemicals affecting the endocrine system (EDCs) which cause a range of side effects. According to the study, such chemicals are associated with birth defects, genetic mutations, infertility and other diseases. The study argues that the risks associated with exposure to even a small amount of EDCs are so great that they are a good reason to prohibit them; based on this research the European Union could and should have prohibited a large number of products and introduced stricter control criteria.

Can the European Commission confirm that the above information is accurate?

What will the European Commission do to investigate the alleged cover-up of results of the above study on the identification and categorisation of cancer-causing chemicals that affect the endocrine system, and to use the results of such research in an appropriate way?