

**Question for written answer E-002376/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Suppressed report on the dangers of endocrine disruptors

According to a *Guardian* article, 31 pesticides, with a combined market value of several billion euros, could have been banned if a report on endocrine disruptors (EDCs) had not been suppressed by the Commission.

The report, which the Commission itself had requested, highlighted the dangers posed by some endocrine disruptors. It recommended devising ways of identifying and categorising these chemicals, which are thought to be responsible for foetal abnormalities, genetic mutations, infertility and health problems ranging from cancer to IQ loss.

Commission sources confirm that this report was suppressed by EU officials under pressure from chemical firms.

The report, which has not been published, states that potency should not be used as a criterion for approving or banning these substances, given that the risks associated with exposure to even low-potency EDCs are so high.

Its authors suggest criteria for categorising endocrine disruptors and, on that basis, imposing a ban, something which was supposed to happen in 2014.

Can the Commission confirm the existence of this report?

Can the Commission state when it intends to suggest classification criteria for EDCs and, on the basis of those criteria, publish a strategy for introducing a ban?