

**Question for written answer E-005085/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU-wide criteria for organic materials in contact with drinking water

For German companies working with organic products which come into contact with drinking water, there is legal uncertainty both nationally and within the EU internal market.

The German Federal Environment Agency's guidelines for materials in contact with drinking water (KTW) have been notified to the EU Commission. A decision has yet to be made on whether the assessment criteria are permissible and whether these fall under national regulatory competence or EU Community law.

When is the Commission going to decide whether the assessment criteria for organic materials in contact with drinking water fall under national regulatory competence or EU Community law?

Is the Commission striving to create legally secure regulations for standard EU-wide drinking water hygiene?

Will the Commission protect established quality and approval marks and certifications (for example AFNOR, CSTB, DVGW, KIWAÖVGW, SVGW)?