

**Question for written answer E-006054/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Firefighting - smoke toxicity and occupational cancer

Many modern construction materials release carcinogenic or toxic smoke when burning. However, under the Construction Products Regulation these construction materials are not tested at all for smoke toxicity, even though direct exposure to such fumes during a fire and firefighters' repetitive exposure to these conditions in particular can have fatal consequences on health. Is the Commission preparing any update to the current legislation in force any new legislative initiative on this topic?

The USA, Canada and Australia have already acknowledged the link between firefighting and occupational cancer; however, many EU Member States have not yet done so.

Is the Commission going to support the Member States in recognising such risks of occupational cancer under the EU Strategy on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020?