

**Question for written answer E-007922/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: PFASs: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

On 5 May 2015, the Madrid Declaration was published in the magazine *Environmental Health Perspectives*. This magazine brings together 200 scientists from 38 different states, gathered to express their fear and their warning in connection with PFAS: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

These substances are found ubiquitously in teflon, paints, food packaging or in many textiles. In addition, they spread to reach all of our everyday environment: 'They migrate from consumer products to the air, household dust, food, soil, surface and groundwater and make their way through drinking water.'

These testify or could testify to a connection with many diseases such as obesity, disorders of endocrine and immune systems, the formation of tumours on various organs and the development of testicular and kidney cancers.

Finally, these substances have an impact on the environment and, de facto, on organisms inserted into the food chain.

1. Does the Commission intend to take account of the Madrid Declaration and produce impact studies with regard to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances?
2. Given the serious health crisis these substances might pose, does the Commission intend to focus on searching for safer alternatives?