

**Question for written answer E-008637/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Rules on specialised nutrition

Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 stipulates that the Commission must publish a report by 20 July 2015 at the latest on the advisability of adopting special provisions on milk-based drinks intended for young people and the type of provisions required.

Stakeholders (Member States, manufacturers and some NGOs) agree that specific rules are needed on specialised nutrition products for young children.

They argue that the lack of European legislation on this issue is both undermining the protection of young children and creating an alarming degree of legal insecurity for firms in the industry.

- How and in what time frame does the Commission intend to draw up EU rules which take the specific characteristics of growing-up milk into account?
- Once the report referred to above has been published, how does the Commission intend to secure the adoption of new rules before the legislation currently in force is withdrawn? Which legislative procedure does it intend to suggest to Parliament so that this deadline can be met?
- If no new rules have been adopted before the legislation currently in force has been withdrawn, how will the Commission ensure that this legal vacuum does not cause problems for consumers and firms?