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Subject: Toxic substances in children's clothing

According to a series of studies published by Greenpeace, nonylphenol ethoxylates, certain types of amines, phthalates, organostannic compounds, polyfluorinated chemical compounds, antimony and carcinogenic amines released with certain azo dyes are present in children's clothing and footwear produced by famous fashion houses, including sports and designer brands.

The reason for this is that these substances are used during the making of the aforementioned products, both in the processes used in the textile factories and in the production materials.

In the countries where most of these goods are produced, in particular China, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Thailand, Turkey and Mexico, there is no restriction on the use of dangerous chemical substances in the production of such products for children.

1. Which concrete measures does the Commission intend to adopt to protect the health of European consumers, especially children?
2. Can it indicate which major clothing brands have been identified as containing dangerous chemical substances?
3. Within the framework of the RAPEX system, how many notifications of clothing/footwear products for children have been flagged up over the last two years?