

**Question for written answer E-008935/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Formamide in products intended for daily use by children

Formamide is an amide derived from formic acid and is used as a chemical feedstock in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, herbicides, pesticides and other chemical substances, and as a solvent.

Tests on animals have shown that the substance can impair blood production and damage the reproductive system, regardless of how it entered the body.

Does the Commission have any scientific information on the effects of formamide on the human body?

Some Member States have introduced an upper limit for the amount of formamide which can be used in children's products, while the EU, for its part, only has a general limit on all carcinogens, mutagens and substances which impair reproduction, including formamide. The European consumer organisation BEUC and its associate members have called for a binding EU-wide limit on formamide with a view to bringing down the levels of harmful chemical substances in goods intended for use by children.

When will the Commission publish a legislative proposal introducing upper limits for certain chemicals, including formamide, in children's products?