

**Question for written answer E-009235/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Health risks associated with the current generation of oral contraceptives

On 26 May, a study of the latest generation of oral contraceptives appeared in the medical journal *The BMJ Today*. The aim of the study was to investigate the risk of venous thromboembolism (blood clot) associated with use of this form of contraception.

The findings are worrying: frequent exposure to the substances contained in combined oral contraceptives implies 'significantly higher risks' than it did to the substances contained in second- and third-generation pills. The need to identify the harmful substances is all the more important in that '18 % of women in developed countries' use oral contraception.

1. Given the findings of this study, can the Commission produce an assessment of the health risks associated with the use of combined oral contraceptives?
2. In application of the principle of precaution, can the Commission suspend application of the principle of free movement of this product in the Union?