

**Question for written answer E-010146/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Need to protect human health against endocrine disruptors

Endocrine disruptors have been a matter of concern for MEPs, as well as for members of the public and the scientific community, since 1997. As far back as 1999, the Commission expressed a need to amend Community legislation to tackle this public health issue (COM(1999)0706 final).

To date there are still no specific regulations on these chemical substances, which affect the hormonal system and have been linked to various illnesses, according to some scientific studies.

Countries such as Belgium, France and Denmark have already implemented certain measures, for instance by banning the use of bisphenol A.

Given the lack of decisive action on this subject, and the fact that the criteria for identifying endocrine disruptors have still not been defined, even though this was scheduled for December 2013, and given that the EU has a duty to ensure a high level of protection of human health (TFEU), I would like to ask the Commission:

1. Is it true that the scientific criteria for defining endocrine disruptors will not be available until 2017?
2. When will it be possible to access the website dedicated to endocrine disruptors that was announced by Commissioner Andriukaitis in his answer to the question O-000017/2015?
3. What specific measures is the Commission planning to take in terms of investigating the effects of endocrine disruptors on human health, in order to comply with the report 2012/2066(INI)?