

**Question for written answer E-012364/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Does the Commission authorise cadmium?

The Commission recently decided to launch yet another assessment of its proposed extension of the use of cadmium in televisions screens. This new study would allow cadmium to be authorised for a further four years.

In May 2015, Parliament opposed the reintroduction of cadmium. Evidently the Commission has ignored Parliament's decision and is proposing to keep open the exemption process.

Cadmium is one of the most toxic, noxious and carcinogenic metals, but one which can be replaced by equally effective alternatives.

1. Why did the Commission not take into account Parliament's vote to reject the reintroduction of Cadmium?
2. How does the Commission explain its decision to authorise the use of cadmium, which has long been known to be extremely harmful?