

Question for written answer E-012548/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Harmonisation of food safety legislation

Earlier this year the European Food Safety Authority stated in a report that bisphenol A did not pose a risk to human health. Despite this, a large number of Member States have placed restrictions on the use of this substance in materials that come into contact with food. As a result of this situation, food companies are now having to tailor their packaging to the requirements of individual Member States, thereby incurring higher costs, and there is no longer a single market in food packaging. The Commission has yet to react to this situation; in the meantime, freedom of movement within the EU is being restricted.

1. Would the Commission agree that these restrictions on the use of bisphenol A are hampering the free movement of goods within the single market?
2. How does it intend to respond to the imposition by some Member States of restrictions on the use of this substance in materials that come into contact with food?
3. Is it looking into the possibility of harmonising legislation on food packaging?