

**Question for written answer E-002609/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Impact of the Biocidal Products Regulation on SMEs

The Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) was adopted by Parliament in 2012, but will only come into full effect in summer 2016. A biocidal product is a chemical substance or micro-organism intended to destroy, deter or render harmless any harmful organism by chemical or biological means. Biocidal products are used by the UK's National Health Service for purposes of sterilisation and keeping hospital equipment and buildings clean. My constituency has SMEs concerned at the impact the BPR rules are having on the development of products and at the cost of implementing the BPR, which requires all new and existing biocidal products to obtain prior authorisation before they can be made available in Europe. Estimates of two years and GBP 100 000 for each product currently sold suggest that many products will no longer be financially viable.

Has the Commission collected and published any data on the detrimental or positive impact the BPR is having on SMEs?

Will it commit to reviewing the BPR taking into consideration the projected job losses and costs to SMEs?

Will the Commission take steps to make the distribution of biocidal products across Europe less bureaucratic and burdensome?