

**Question for written answer E-003093/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Follow-on milk for toddlers and food supplements for athletes

From 20 July 2016, follow-on milk for toddlers and food supplements for athletes will no longer be the subject of specific rules. These products must be developed in such a way as to meet the particular needs of toddlers and athletes, as recognised by the European Food and Safety Authority.

If there are no specific rules in place, these products will lose their special status and disappear from the market. French firms that produce food supplements for athletes, in particular SMEs based in Bouches-du-Rhône, will then find themselves in a parlous financial situation. What is more, in the absence of specific rules, consumers will enjoy far less protection, as they may turn to substandard or even dangerous products, and may not use them properly.

Against this background, does the Commission plan to arrange a transitional period in order to safeguard the right of the Council and Parliament to consider the reports provided for by Regulation 609/2013?

Does it plan to keep specific rules in force after 20 July 2016 so that consumers can continue to enjoy proper protection until such time as the reports referred to above have been considered?