

**Question for written answer E-004238/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Biocidal Products Regulation

I have been contacted by an SME in my constituency which supplies biocidal products to the UK National Health Service. Its products are safe, proven to be effective and have been sold in the UK for decades following strict testing. However, the Biocidal Products Regulation has already cost it in excess of GBP 150 000 (EUR 200 000) to keep a single product on the market. It may be unable to afford the re-testing of other products.

Can the Commission please confirm the results of its impact assessment in terms of the maximum potential number of job losses across the European Union under the new regulations?

Would the Commission give active consideration to the possibility of introducing an exemption from the new Regulation for products whose efficacy is already proven (for example, those which have been on the market for a minimum of ten years without any problems and which are sold to the public sector or commercial sector)?