

**Question for written answer E-005525/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Scientific grounds for restricting the use of xylitol as a sweetener

With reference to the Commission's answer to my question E-003959/2016, I would like to put the following questions to the Commission:

1. What is the scientific reason, particularly in relation to human health, why the European Union strictly restricts the use of xylitol as a sweetener?
2. To whom within the Commission (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address) may a business operating within the EU turn for information if it wishes to use xylitol as a sweetener in the manufacture of food?