

**Question for written answer E-006190/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Criteria for Endocrine disruptors - justification for Option Two

As part of the process of drafting the criteria for endocrine disrupting properties, the Commission carried out an impact assessment, as laid out in its Roadmap. This impact assessment concluded that Option Two (World Health Organisation (WHO)/International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS) definition alone) and Option Three (WHO/IPCS definition with categories) of the Roadmap will have the highest impact on sectorial competitiveness, agriculture and trade. It also concluded that Options Two, Three and Four provide the same level of protection for human health and the environment.

In the light of this finding, can the Commission provide its rationale for selecting Option Two, as opposed to any other option, given the high negative impact it will have on European farmers, small and medium-sized enterprises and international trade with non-EU countries?