

**Question for written answer E-006622/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Problems with the regulatory criteria for endocrine disruptors

The Commission recently presented specific criteria for the identification of endocrine disruptors among pesticides and biocides. A study by the Endocrine Society, an expert society based in the US, found that the Commission's regulatory criteria cannot effectively protect public health because they require a scientifically almost unattainable level of certitude to class a substance as an endocrine disruptor. The proposed criteria would make it necessary to wait until there is absolutely no doubt that a chemical product is harmful to human health before it is possible to act. This delay could last for years – generations, even.

Having published the regulatory criteria far too late in the first place, is the Commission planning to review those criteria as quickly as possible?