Question for written answer E-007668/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Jørn Dohrmann (ECR)

Subject: Harmful substances in child car seats

In Denmark a number of child car seats have been tested for harmful chemicals. Unfortunately, in spite of strenuous efforts in this area, some of them proved still to contain potentially harmful substances.

These include the endocrine disruptive phthalate DINP, which is banned in toys for small children, who may place the toys in their mouths.

Other, carcinogenic, chemicals have also been found, including the flame retardant TCPP and bitumens such as the PAH (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon) naphthalene. As children may be expected to be particularly susceptible in this respect, this is naturally a serious problem.

Does the Commission agree about the seriousness of the problem?

What is the Commission's position on child car seats, and on chemicals in general, within the internal market?

What measures will the Commission undertake in connection with the problem of chemicals and child car seats?

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