

**Question for written answer E-007709/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulating materials that come into contact with food products

Materials intended for contact with food products are commonly used in everyday life, e.g. food packaging, kitchen utensils and crockery. However, depending on their composition and properties, these materials may transfer traces of their constituents into the food. In this way, chemicals from the materials could pose a risk to human health or negatively alter the composition of the food.

A European Union regulation drawn up in 2004 regulates at EU level the use of four of the 17 most commonly used materials: plastics (including recycled plastics), ceramics, regenerated cellulose, and active and intelligent materials. The 13 other materials are not regulated by any specific EU measures and, even though they may be subjected to measures at national level, represent a risk to public health.

Will the Commission take measures to regulate the 13 materials currently excluded from Community legislation?

Given that it was found that, in its assessments, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) does not take into account the 'cocktail effect' or the effects of multiple, simultaneous and cumulative exposures, does the Commission intend to review the assessment procedures?