

**Question for written answer E-000201/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Reasons for the Commission's failure to act on endocrine disrupters

In its edition of 29 November 2016 the French newspaper *Le Monde* published an opinion piece, supported by about a hundred eminent scientists, condemning the questionable influence of the industry on the Commission's approach to endocrine disrupters. The scientists maintain that the Commission is being led to play down the dangers of these substances.

Whatever the disease involved, be it breast cancer, cancers of reproductive organs, prostate cancer, brain disorders, diabetes, obesity, or malformations, there are numerous studies pointing to what these scientists call a global health threat. The Commission, however, is refusing to apply the precautionary principle and adopt strict legislation, even though the public health risk is obvious.

1. Is it true that the American authorities are threatening to retaliate against European countries if they consider the legislation on endocrine disrupters to be too strict?
2. Is it true, as was claimed in *Le Monde*, which had got hold of several internal Commission documents, that the EFSA scientific findings on endocrine disrupters were a foregone conclusion?