

**Question for written answer E-001155/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Directive on the protection of workers

The Directive on the protection of workers is currently being amended so as to better take into account the risks linked to exposure to dangerous substances in the workplace. However, establishing maximum levels to which a worker may be exposed has proved to be difficult.

Carrying out readings for certain substances is no easy task in practice, especially in SMEs and given excessively wide divergences in expert opinion. In principle, the limit values should be set as low as possible so that the Directive can be applied.

How could the Commission set about rectifying this lack of relevant data, which makes it impossible to form a clear technical opinion?