

**Question for written answer E-002027/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Potentially harmful substances in fast food packaging that pose a risk to the health of consumers and the environment

On 6 October 2016, the Parliament adopted a Resolution on the implementation of the Food Contact Materials Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004. Parliament urged the Commission to develop specific measures on the 13 non-harmonised categories of food contact materials, including paper and board. Existing legislation does not protect consumers, as fast food packaging contains suspect compounds, such as perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), which has been identified as a potential endocrine disruptor and probable carcinogen. Scientific evidence has also been obtained that paper and board packaging that comes into contact with fast food contains dangerous levels of fluorinated compounds.

Therefore specific measures need to be defined in order to regulate compounds in paper and board intended to come into contact with food.

1. Is the Commission planning to take specific measures on the 13 non-harmonised categories of materials that come into contact with food, including paper and board? If so, when?
2. Is the Commission conducting research to protect consumers from potentially harmful substances in fast food packaging?