

**Question for written answer E-002936/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulations on the identification of substances that impair the functioning of the endocrine system

According to available materials, over the past two years the Commission has been working to establish criteria to determine the properties of substances that impair the functioning of the endocrine system. In June 2016, the Commission published two draft regulations for plant protection products and biocidal products. A number of experts believe that the provisions of those documents do not define clear scientific criteria that could be used in the legislative decision-making process.

In view of this:

Has the Commission considered whether to write explicitly unambiguous reference criteria for active substances only?

Does it expect to introduce a method to check or test the products concerned to establish what the effects are of those substances on the endocrine system?

Has it conducted research on the potential impact of solutions developed for European industry?