

**Question for written answer E-004844/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Mercury cells

The Government of Cantabria (Spain) intends to allow the Solvay chemicals company to continue using mercury cells in its Torrelavega chlorine factory at least until 2019. This would amount to a breach of EU law, in particular the Industrial Emissions Directive and Commission Implementing Decision establishing best available techniques conclusions for the production of chlor-alkali.

Furthermore, under Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2017/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council on mercury and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1102/2008, the use of mercury for the production of chlor-alkali is banned.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the above developments, involving a possible infringement by a regional government of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)?
2. What measures will the Commission take in the event of such an infringement?