

**Question for written answer E-001863/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Using rubber granules in the artificial turf for sports fields

Artificial turf pitches contain rubber granules. These granules are made from shredded tyres and contain a number of harmful substances. In 2016, due to the potential health risks posed by these granules, the Netherlands cancelled sporting events on artificial turf pitches.

On 28 February 2017, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) submitted the conclusions of a risk assessment study. This study concluded that exposure to these granules is not highly concerning. Nevertheless, the ECHA recognises that uncertainties remain. Some of the old tyres that are used to make these granules may come from outside the European Union and would therefore not be subject to the same health and environmental manufacturing standards as tyres made in the Member States.

Does the European Commission plan to follow the recommendations submitted by the ECHA with a view to better regulating the use of recycled rubber granules?