

**Question for written answer E-002677/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Reprotoxic substances and protection of workers

The aim of the new Directive (EU) 2017/2398 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work is to improve the protection of workers by setting limit values for carcinogens and mutagens.

At the first trilogue on the issue in 2018, the Commission gave an undertaking to consider extending the scope of the directive in 2019, to cover reprotoxic substances, and to put forward a legislative proposal. Applying the legislation on carcinogenic products to reprotoxic products would make it possible to lay down stricter rules on the protection of workers.

Reprotoxic products can damage both male and female fertility, cause miscarriages and birth defects and pose a risk to the health of children who are breastfed.

Some 1400 carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic products have been found on European business premises. The Commission has drawn up legislation covering only a dozen of these products, however.

1. Will the Commission put forward a proposal on reprotoxic substances?
2. Has it drawn up an exhaustive list of reprotoxic products?
3. What are the next steps on this issue?