

**Question for written answer E-003011/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Dubravka Šuica (PPE)**

Subject: Lack of a harmonised standard for natural and organic cosmetics

According to the Commission, consumers of cosmetics and personal grooming products are protected by strong safety requirements imposed by the legislation on cosmetics. Producers need to use the latest available research in order to show that cosmetic products are safe before placing them on the market. However, the criteria laid down are not necessarily applicable to natural and organic cosmetics, for which there is no harmonised standard. There are few certification authorities in Europe which class their own integrated standards as harmonised standards for natural and organic cosmetics, and that fact gives rise to inaccurate information which misleads consumers and adversely affects the internal market.

Does the Commission intend to produce a harmonised standard with a view to establishing criteria for natural and organic cosmetics?