

**Question for written answer E-000641/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
John Procter (ECR)

Subject: The inclusion of perfluorohexanoic acid in the list of Substances of Very High Concern

On 13 December 2018 the ECHA Member State Committee was to consider the inclusion of perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) in the list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) under Article 57(f) of the REACH Regulation, using the mobility criterion among others. PFHxA is an unavoidable by-product and potential degradation product of short-chain fluorotelomers which are essential in many industrial processes.

Has the Commission engaged in a discussion on what the mobility criterion is, and whether and how it should be used under REACH?

Is there a mutual agreement and understanding of what constitutes an equivalent level of concern under Article 57(f), and will the Commission get actively involved in determining that criterion?

Has the Commission engaged with industry stakeholders to assess the impact of listing PFHxA as an SVHC?