

**Question for written answer E-001745/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Oxo-degradable plastics ban

The directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment will become EU law in April 2019 and includes a ban on oxo-degradable plastics. The report of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) on the risks posed to the environment by the use of such plastics has not yet been published. It is expected to be submitted to the Commission by ECHA on 19 July 2019 and was requested by the Commission on 17 January 2018 under the REACH regulation.

1. Will the Commission ask ECHA to complete its report on oxo-degradable plastics and submit it to the Commission by 19 July 2019?
2. In the Commission's view, is it in the interest of better environmental regulation to ensure that the report is publicly made available in July 2019?
3. In the Commission's view, is it in the interest of the global scientific community and of the environment to ensure that the report is publicly made available in July 2019?