

**Question for written answer P-004723/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Infant formula and follow-on formula

In August 2014, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) updated its opinion on the essential composition of infant and follow-on formula, in which it proposed an almost identical composition of infant formula and follow-on formula.

In view of EFSA's opinion¹, and considering that the Commission is currently working on a delegated act as regards infant formula and follow-on formula:

1. Is the Commission considering extending the advertising restrictions on infant formula to apply also to follow-on formula, and, if not, how will the Commission provide Member States with the legal certainty that they can adopt stricter advertising rules?
2. Will it ask EFSA to evaluate the potential risks of high sugar levels in baby foods and young-child formula, including the effects on childhood obesity levels and on the development of children's taste palates?
3. Will it ensure that the suitability of any new ingredient added to infant and follow-on formula must be demonstrated by appropriate, independently funded, peer-reviewed studies, and that the addition of any ingredient must undergo a pre-market approval process?

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3760.htm>