

**Question for written answer P-013464/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Regarding the French ban on BPA

In order to assess if there is a risk to human health from exposure to Bisphenol A, EFSA has repeatedly carried out evaluations since 2006 and concluded in January 2015 that BPA posed no risk to human health. In January 2015, France introduced a law banning the production, commercialisation, import and export of BPA in food contact materials. Before taking any decisions on national measures, the Commission said that it would await the EFSA opinion. Since then, France's constitutional court has ruled to declare the ban on the production and export of BPA-containing FCMs unconstitutional because it placed an unjustifiable restriction on trade, with immediate effect. However the rest of the ban, prohibiting commercialisation and import, is still in force.

Given that nine months have passed since the EFSA publication and that EFSA scientific opinions provide guidance aimed at achieving the highest protection of consumers in the EU internal market, will the Commission come forward with the outcome of its assessment as a matter of urgency?

In light of the above, does the Commission consider that there is still any ground for Member States like France to maintain or implement any national measures that further restrict the use of BPA in certain food contact materials?

Are such national measures compatible with internal market rules?