

**Question for written answer P-001120/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Cadmium limits for phosphate fertilisers

The Commission has published two impact assessments to accompany its proposal for a regulation laying down rules on the making available on the market of CE marked fertilising products and amending Regulations (EC) No 1069/2009 and (EC) No 1107/2009.

The impact assessment relating specifically to cadmium limits for phosphate fertilisers (SWD(2016)0064, Part 2.2), refers to the national limits currently in force for such fertilisers and states that those limits are set out in Annex I.

It would seem, however, that the information in that annex is incorrect. For example, the limit for mineral fertilisers in France is 90 mg/kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (French standard NFU 42-001-1).

1. Could the Commission confirm that the value for France is incorrect?
2. If the values for France set out in Annex I are incorrect, could the Commission confirm that the other values are correct?
3. Given that thresholds are a key issue in the review of the rules on fertilisers, if the thresholds should have been higher in the countries listed in Annex I, does the Commission not think that the maximum limit values should be reassessed in its proposal?