

**Question for written answer P-006191/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Formaldehyde in animal feed

In Europe, formaldehyde has for some time been banned as a disinfectant and for use in building materials. ECHA has classified it as a carcinogen 1B and a mutagen 2 because of the harm that it causes if inhaled. Although a deadline for ECHA will expire on 13 October 2017¹, it is no longer clear what the product's status is.

Evidently the substance is still being used as an additive in animal feed. Yet Decision 2013/204/EU stipulated that such use was no longer to be permitted from 1 July 2015.

Is the Commission aware that the business Anitox is still marketing formaldehyde in the form of Termin-8 as a preservative for animal feed, which means that it is infringing European legislation?

According to EFSA, this use of formaldehyde is not harmful to consumers, but is it also harmless to workers in the feed sector and to the animals that ingest it?

Can the Commission shed light on the current and future status of formaldehyde in all its forms and applications?

¹ <https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/1cc58141-07a2-49ed-9ef9-c6c4fcf9d74b>

