

**Question for written answer P-001711/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: CLP classification of titanium dioxide

(1) In the light of the proposed classification of titanium dioxide under the CLP Regulation, a study by the German plastics and waste industry has concluded that almost half the plastics produced in Germany contain titanium dioxide in amounts of 1% or more. Regarding the classification of titanium dioxide: should this kind of plastic waste be treated as toxic waste under the current legislation? What consequences would this have for the recycling targets set for plastics?

(2) Annex II (III, 3) of Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys forbids the use of substances that are classified as carcinogenic in toys, and with good reason. In the Commission's view, what would be the consequences of a classification of titanium dioxide on the marketability of toys containing titanium dioxide in Europe, for example plastic toys or lacquered wooden toys?

(3) Why has the Commission so far dispensed with an impact assessment, given the wide-ranging effects of the proposed classification of titanium dioxide on the economy and consumers and the Commission's Better Regulation Agenda? Will the Commission conduct an impact assessment before a vote is held on the classification?