

**Priority question for written answer P-000903/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: The use of PVC (polyvinyl chloride) in the context of a non-toxic environment

On 17 February 2022, the Commission's DG ENV published a report entitled 'The use of PVC (polyvinyl chloride) in the context of a non-toxic environment'. The intention is to use the report to justify asking the European Chemicals Agency to prepare a broad REACH restriction of all PVC products and additive substances used in the manufacture of PVC. However, the report does not show any clear risk to the environment or health, as is required under Article 69 of the REACH Regulation to pursue a restriction.

In light of the above, and given the widespread production, use and recycling of PVC products:

1. Will the Commission commit to consulting stakeholders before issuing a mandate to the European Chemicals Agency?
2. Will the Commission reconsider its course of action in favour of a more proportionate and targeted approach, focusing on additives where there is a risk and not on the PVC material, which is defined by the OECD as a 'polymer of low concern'?