

Question for written answer E-011161/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Procedure for submission of scientific studies for the registration of protective substances

European REACH legislation requires all applicants seeking to register chemical substances to submit a scientific study as a precondition to their use. However, this requirement has not yet been laid down in other similar legislation. Numerous scientific studies are necessary for the registration of some substances, but these are now jeopardised by the fact that some types of studies on vertebrates are now entirely banned. Those who have already conducted studies that would now be illegal are not, however, required to make the results available to others, which gives rise to problems relating to competition. I would therefore like to put the following questions to the Commission:

1. Is the Commission aware of the problem concerning the submission of scientific studies required for the registration of substances outside of REACH legislation?
2. Does the Commission consider the fact that holders of scientific studies are not required to pass them on to other entities to be a threat to the principle of economic competition?
3. How should entities that are seeking scientific studies but are unable to obtain them as a result of legislative changes proceed?