

**Question for written answer E-013194/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Directive on the safety of toys

There are approximately 80 million children under the age of 14 in the EU. Toys that do not comply with safety standards may damage this vulnerable age group. Member States were obliged to transpose Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys into national law by 20 January 2011. Could the Commission provide information on its review of the implementation of the Directive as new types of toys and materials and manufacturing processes are being continually developed?

On 20 July 2013 the Directive's provisions with regard to chemical substances in toys came into force. What has been done to ensure that toys which contain dangerous chemicals have not been put on sale before that date in stores? Could the Commission describe the enforcement of provisions relating to chemical substances in toys in Member State?