

**Question for written answer E-002232/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Import and sale of textiles contaminated by chemicals

A study published by Greenpeace<sup>1</sup> on the import and sale of textiles contaminated by chemicals in the EU raises certain questions.

1. Is the Commission aware of this issue?
2. How is the use of the following chemicals in textiles regulated: nonylphenol ethoxylate (NPE), phthalates, organotin compounds, per- und polyfluorinated chemicals (PFC), and antimony?
3. Are there any bans or controls in place for importing textiles containing these chemicals?
4. If not, what kind of controls does the Commission think could protect EU citizens from harmful chemicals without creating more bureaucracy for those importing products into the EU?

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<http://www.greenpeace.org/eastasia/Global/eastasia/publications/reports/toxics/2013/A%20Little%20Story%20About%20the%20Monsters%20In%20Your%20Closet%20-%20Report.pdf>