

**Question for written answer E-005215/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Derek Vaughan (S&D)**

Subject: Diethylhexyl-phthalate (DEHP)

I understand that European PVC manufacturers and recyclers may be granted permission to continue to use the phthalate 'DEHP', despite the fact that scientifically proven safer alternatives exist. Six European companies are requesting permission to continue using it, prolonging European citizens' exposure to this toxicant.

I would be very grateful if you could provide me with further information regarding why this toxicant may be permitted, as my constituents are concerned.