

**Question for written answer E-001572/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Harmful effects of triclosan use

Recent research by the American Chemical Society shows that the chemical triclosan can cause cancer cell growth. Triclosan has powerful anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties. It is often used to disinfect hospitals or added to detergents, deodorants, soaps, disinfectants and toothpastes. Triclosan is not usually used in cosmetics in concentrations higher than 0.3 %, and while exposure to such small quantities from time to time does not pose a risk to health, the substance can be harmful when used over a long period of time or in higher concentrations.

1. Is the Commission aware of the American Chemical Society's research into triclosan?
2. Is it planning to publish its opinion on the use of triclosan and on the American Chemical Society's detailed research?
3. Does the Commission publish a list of widely used substances whose potentially harmful effects are the subject of ongoing research?