

**Question for written answer E-003421/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Cement and REACH

Can the Commission state why refuse-derived fuel (RDF) is not covered by the REACH Regulation? Cement clinker is exempted from the scope of REACH under paragraph 5 of Annex V of the Regulation on the grounds that it is not a chemically-modified substance.

However, the inclusion of combustion ash in manufactured cement clinker constitutes, to all intents and purposes, a chemical modification of the product (cement clinker), as is easily shown by comparing the chemical composition of cement clinker that is manufactured with waste combustion with clinker that is not.