

**Question for written answer E-005543/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Adoption of the draft regulatory definition of endocrine disruptors

Finally the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health has voted, by a qualified majority of Member States, in favour of the Commission's draft regulatory definition of endocrine disruptors.

This definition, inspired largely by Germany, is quite controversial given the relatively few requirements it actually imposes on industry.

And yet three reputable organisations had called upon the Member States to reject this definition which, they said, does not ensure 'the necessary high level of protection of health and the environment' and 'is unlikely to identify those endocrine disruptors that cause damage to human beings today'.

Scientists are calling in particular for the introduction of a graduated scale that shows the degree of hazardousness of disruptors, which would then enable an equally graduated regulatory response.

Does the Commission support the establishment of such a graduated scale?

Does the Commission not think that people are best protected at Member State level?