

**Question for written answer E-006722/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Microplastics in tap water

The evaluation of the implementation of the directive on the quality of water intended for human consumption has showed that although the Member States meet many of the quality standards which have been introduced there are still flaws in the legislation, one being that the list of parameters and parametric values to be checked has become obsolete.

What is more, the findings of a scientific study recently made public by OrbMedia have revealed the extent to which tap water is contaminated by plastic microparticles.

Despite coming out on top in the study, Europe certainly cannot boast a clean bill of health: 72% of the European water samples analysed contained plastic microparticles.

- Does the Commission know what impact microparticles are having on the quality of water and on public health?
- In the light of the above, should appropriate measures not now be taken, in keeping with the precautionary principle?
- In particular, when the Commission submits its proposal for a revision of the directive, will it include plastic molecules in the list of parameters to be monitored, or even stipulate that tap water must contain no such molecules at all?