

Question for written answer E-006749/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Inclusion of occupational exposure limit for formaldehyde in Directive 2004/37/EC

On 30 June 2016, the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits adopted a recommendation aimed at including an occupational exposure limit for formaldehyde of 0.3 ppm in Annex III of Directive 2004/37/EC. A few months later, on 9 September 2016, the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work also recommended the inclusion of an occupational exposure limit of 0.3 ppm in Annex III of the Directive.

These two recommendations were received too late for formaldehyde to be taken into consideration in the Commission's impact assessment on the second revision of Directive 2004/37/EC, so that no limit has yet been put forward, in spite of firm agreement among social partners on the matter.

In view of the resolute request by social partners and of the fact that millions of workers are exposed to the substance every year, will the Commission undertake to include an occupational exposure limit which takes account of the views of social partners and scientists in its third proposal for revision of Directive 2004/37/EC?