

**Question for written answer E-006487/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Protection against reprotoxic substances

Exposure to reprotoxic substances can, inter alia, affect the fertility of both men and women, disrupt the development of fetuses, and even result in miscarriages.¹

In 2018, trade unions and employers' organisations issued a joint call for a new directive encompassing carcinogens, mutagens and reprotoxic substances, based on Directive 2004/37/EC.

Article 18a of the latter Directive requires the Commission, no later than in the first quarter of 2019, to assess the option of amending the scope of this Directive to include reprotoxic substances.

1. What measures has the Commission taken so far regarding reprotoxic substances, bearing in mind provisions such as Article 18a of Directive 2004/37/EC?
2. Is the Commission envisaging a legislative proposal or any other initiatives to protect workers more effectively from exposure to reprotoxic substances at work?

¹ [https://oshwiki.eu/wiki/Carcinogenic,_mutagenic,_reprotoxic_\(CMR\)_substances](https://oshwiki.eu/wiki/Carcinogenic,_mutagenic,_reprotoxic_(CMR)_substances).