

**Question for written answer E-006766/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Controlling environmental pollution in industrial complexes such as the Tarragona industrial complex

Some industrial complexes with a high concentration of chemical industries handle a large number of substances. Current legislation regulates emissions from each source on a case-by-case basis. Similarly, legislation governing immission in populated areas only covers limits for compounds separately and makes no provision for the sum or interaction of these compounds.

Moreover, since the legislation focuses primarily on urban pollution, limit values are set for only a small number of volatile organic compounds. It is estimated that only around 10% of the substances detectable in the vicinity of industrial sites are currently regulated.

1. Given the uniqueness of certain areas, such as Tarragona, where 350 000 people live surrounded by industry, does the Commission not consider it necessary to increase the number of volatile compounds that are controlled and regulated, at least in areas where major population centres are situated very close to industry?
2. Does the Commission think that the EU should monitor both national inspection services and systems that are already in place for effectively controlling air pollution?