

**Question for written answer E-000085/2021  
to the Commission  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Phthalates in toys on the European market

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH)<sup>1</sup> imposes strict limits on the presence of phthalates in toys and childcare products. Nevertheless, toys that do not meet these requirements continue to be detected in the EU<sup>2</sup>. According to a report by the European Chemicals Agency in 2018, 19.7% and 10.4% of toys examined under the different entries did not comply with the limits for phthalates<sup>3</sup>.

Regulation (EU) 2019/1020<sup>4</sup> is intended to strengthen market surveillance of non-food products, including for REACH compliance. The provisions providing for the establishment of a Union Product Compliance Network entered into force on 1 January 2021<sup>5</sup>.

1. Does the Commission have any recent figures on the presence of phthalates in toys on the European market?
2. What specific steps has the Commission taken to pave the way for the proper functioning of the Union network?
3. Given the fact that the deadline of 1 January 2021 has now passed, is this network fully active? If not, which Member States are not yet participating in this network?

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/consumers/consumers\\_safety/safety\\_products/rapex/alerts/event=main.immediatelyPublishedNotifications&id=10002589&lng=en](https://ec.europa.eu/consumers/consumers_safety/safety_products/rapex/alerts/event=main.immediatelyPublishedNotifications&id=10002589&lng=en);  
[https://ec.europa.eu/consumers/consumers\\_safety/safety\\_products/rapex/alerts/event=main.immediatelyPublishedNotifications&id=10002651&lng=en](https://ec.europa.eu/consumers/consumers_safety/safety_products/rapex/alerts/event=main.immediatelyPublishedNotifications&id=10002651&lng=en)

<sup>3</sup> [https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13577/ref\\_4\\_report\\_en.pdf/b53f5cd9-64a4-c120-1953-e9e176b9c282](https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13577/ref_4_report_en.pdf/b53f5cd9-64a4-c120-1953-e9e176b9c282)

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on market surveillance and compliance of products and amending Directive 2004/42/EC and Regulations (EC) No 765/2008 and (EU) No 305/2011.

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to Article 44 of the Regulation.