

**Question for written answer E-000248/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Ban on products containing hydroxyanthracene (HAD) derivatives

In accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the Commission has drawn up a draft regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 with regard to botanical species containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives. This draft was published on 4 March 2020 and forwarded to Parliament in mid-December, with the deadline for the ENVI Committee's opinion set for 1 March 2021.

The only text available to date is the aforementioned draft regulation, which dates back to before the end of the consultation period on 23 April 2020.

The draft regulation is based on an EFSA opinion which highlighted the limited data available to that authority and, accordingly, the scientific uncertainty accompanying its conclusions.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. whether it will clarify the procedure relating to the above-mentioned draft regulation, including the timing of its forwarding to Parliament and its adoption;
2. whether the feedback received from the public consultation was taken into consideration in the draft regulation;
3. whether, in the meantime, any other scientific studies have been carried out in addition to those mentioned in the EFSA opinion?