

**Question for written answer E-001569/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Presence of harmful substances in perfumes

In a cross-border study<sup>1</sup> on harmful substances in perfumes, three organisations found a total of 26 problematic substances in 20 different perfumes. Several of these substances are on the candidate list of substances of very high concern for authorisation, simply because they need to be phased out and replaced due to their harmful properties.

Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 on cosmetic products still allows the use of such substances in perfumes in certain cases. Moreover, producers are not obliged to label the presence of all fragrance-containing chemicals, regardless of their harmfulness. As a result, consumers are still overexposed to such substances and cannot make sufficiently informed choices.

1. Does the Commission agree that Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 does not sufficiently protect consumers as long as the use of such harmful substances is permitted?
2. When does the Commission plan to submit its proposal for the revision of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose stricter labelling requirements for potentially harmful substances in a future review of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.allesoverkanker.be/sites/default/files/tg\\_report\\_a5\\_def.pdf](https://www.allesoverkanker.be/sites/default/files/tg_report_a5_def.pdf)