

**Question for written answer E-003889/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Online sale of dog and cat poisons

On 19 November 2022, a UK company selling paints and other products that are toxic to humans and animals posted on its website<sup>1</sup> an advertisement for poisonous bait intended to kill dogs ('dog killer'). Such products can easily be purchased without any form of control in EU Member States also. Following a number of complaints, both the link and the product description have been modified, replacing the term 'dog killer' with 'dog repellent' and 'cat repellent' to designate the same poisoned bait. It is now described as fast-working product that 'repels' (replacing the word 'kills') the animal five minutes after it has ingested the paste, which comes in the form of 'delicious meat croquettes containing 'repellent' (replacing the word 'poison') that is not detectable by dogs.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware that such products are also being sold on the EU internal market?
2. Have no stringent rules been adopted to ban the marketing of such products?
3. What action does it plan to take to prevent such poisons from freely entering the market and ensure their rapid withdrawal from circulation?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ferberpainting.co.uk/products/dog-killer-500-baits>