

**Question for written answer E-002187/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Mandatory training for the handling of PU foam

In times of labour shortages and overregulation, the Commission has decided that, from 24 August 2023, anyone who uses commercially diisocyanates with a concentration of more than 0.1 % (e.g. PU foam) will have to undergo training. The training courses, which are not free of charge, consist of several stages and must even be redone every five years. This means that skilled workers who have been working with the products for years now have to undergo training.

1. How was account taken in coming to this decision of the fact that the regulation covers people who have been working professionally with PU foam, inter alia, for years and in some cases for decades, and that it would therefore be inappropriate to invest time and money in training such people?
2. Is the Commission planning to adapt the regulation so that its scope corresponds to actual needs, and when does it plan to do so?
3. What measures does the Commission envisage to ensure that, when deciding on policies, appropriate account is taken of the actual framework conditions in the industry and the workplace?

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