

**Question for written answer E-002909/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Infant and follow-on formulae

Some infants are dependent on infant or follow-on formulae. In Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/127, the Commission established new EU rules on the composition of this food¹. The Child Health Foundation and the European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP) issued a joint opinion criticising the mandatory addition of the Omega-3 fatty acid docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) without the need to also include the Omega-6 fatty acid arachidonic acid (AA). The suitability and safety of this composition has not been demonstrated in clinical studies, but several studies suggest that this can have undesirable effects in infants, also in the long term².

1. In light of these criticisms, does the Commission plan to revise the composition of infant and follow-on formulae proposed in Regulation (EU) 2016/127?
2. How does the Commission justify the entry into force of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/127 in February 2020 despite the concerns expressed by experts?
3. Is the Commission considering promoting additional measures to encourage breastfeeding, such as the creation of breastfeeding rooms in public spaces or access to comprehensive breastfeeding advice?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32016R0127>

² Koletzko B, et al. Am J Clin Nutr. 2020; 111(1):10-16; doi:10.1093/ajcn/nqz252.