

ORAL QUESTION H-0831/07
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2007
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Classification of formaldehyde as a carcinogen

The European Chemicals Bureau is preparing to issue a new classification of chemical substances (the 30th ATP). According to the latest research presented by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the chemical formaldehyde (CAS number: 50-00-0) constitutes a carcinogen. The author of this question expects the Commission, when implementing the REACH legislation on chemical substances, to do all in its power to ensure that formaldehyde is classified as a carcinogen.

He would also like to know whether the Commission is working with the European Chemicals Bureau on the establishment of a new classification of chemical substances (the 30th ATP) and whether efforts are being made to classify formaldehyde as a carcinogen in order to protect the general public against what constitutes a hazardous substance.

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