

**Question for written answer P-008546/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Possible negative impact on the internal market of measures concerning BPA adopted by the French authorities

In December 2012, the French authorities adopted national law (LOI n° 2012-1442) to ban the use of Bisphenol A (BPA) in all food contact materials with effect from 1 January 2015.

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) currently undertakes assessment of the safety of BPA-based food contact materials. The above-mentioned law contradicts the preliminary findings of the EFSA, from which final verification is expected to be published at the end of 2014. Furthermore, other scientific assessments by regulatory authorities around the world, including the US Food and Drug Administration and Health Canada, have already repeatedly verified that the use of BPA-based food contact materials is safe.

According to representatives of the chemicals and food industries from several Member States, the French law preceding the EFSA decision has created serious uncertainty as regards investment within the EU internal market.

1. Does the Commission agree that the French authorities should immediately suspend the effects of the law and, after the publication of the final EFSA findings, either postpone its effects or withdraw the law entirely?
2. How does the Commission intend to address this issue?
3. Could the Commission explain how it ensures that the EU-wide rules and processes on risk assessment affecting the internal market are respected by all Member States?