

**Question for written answer P-005251/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Impact of REACH (EC 1907/2006), CLP (EC 1272/2008) and Cosmetics (EC 1223/2009) Regulations on production and marketing of essential oils.

Producers of essential oils fear that a wide range of new European rules will lead to increasing difficulties for the production and marketing of essential oils. Following the proposed update to the list of allergenic perfumes under the Cosmetics Regulation, new provisions of the REACH and CLP Regulations are also due to be adopted by 2018. The producers, who are often SMEs, thus face enormous administrative and technical challenges.

What impact will the current revisions of the REACH, CLP and Cosmetics Regulations and similar legislation have on the production and sale of essential oils?

Are we likely in future to see a ban or other drastic restrictions on essential oils in favour of synthetic oils?

What measures is the Commission taking to protect small producers and niche products (e.g. oil of mountain lavender) from over-bureaucratic legislation?