

**Priority question for written answer P-001326/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Banning octocrylene and benzophenone in sunscreen creams and day creams

A study by the CNRS, France's national scientific research centre, and Sorbonne University has just demonstrated that octocrylene, an ingredient used in sunscreen creams and day creams to protect skin from the sun, degrades over time and then generates benzophenone.

Benzophenone is mutagenic and an endocrine disruptor that can pass through the skin. It may cause cancers, notably cancers of the liver, but also dermatitis. It can also affect thyroid function and disrupt the development of reproductive organs.

The study, conducted using creams that consumers use regularly, concludes that products containing octocrylene and benzophenone should be banned.

My questions to the Commission are as follows:

1. Is the Commission going to warn Member States and cosmetics manufacturers of the danger detected by this study?
2. Can it prevail upon the manufacturers of these creams quickly to halt their sale and, if necessary, issue a recall for products containing octocrylene and benzophenone?
3. If need be, will the Commission make the manufacturers liable, given that the latter must in principle make sure that products they put on the market are safe?