

**Priority question for written answer P-001629/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: REACH Regulation and the French stained-glass industry

On 19 July 2018, the Commission was asked whether it would renew the exemption, provided for under Directive (EU) 2011/65, for lead oxide in crystal glass. This exemption is essential for Baccarat, a renowned glassware company from the Lorraine region<sup>1</sup>.

According to the French national trade union for the stained-glass industry (CSNV), the REACH Regulation could lead to a 'ban on lead' which would undermine France's – and specifically Lorraine's – stained-glass industry, as lead is needed for 'assembling stained glass, but also for work on light and colour', both of which are intrinsic elements of stained glass<sup>2</sup>.

Such a ban would impact some 40 businesses in the Grand Est region<sup>3</sup>.

1. Can the Commission confirm that a ban on lead will come in?
2. What measures does it intend to take to exempt the stained-glass industry from that ban?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2018-004038\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2018-004038_EN.html)

<sup>2</sup> <https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/grand-est/meurthe-et-moselle/nancy/les-entreprises-du-vitrail-inquietes-en-raison-de-l-interdiction-du-plomb-2531156.html>

<sup>3</sup> 'This ban will bring about the extinction of stained-glass artists. There are about 40 of them in the Grand Est region'. [https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/grand-est/meurthe-et-moselle/nancy/les-entreprises-du-vitrail-inquietes-en-raison-de-l-interdiction-du-plomb-2531156.html?\\_format=html](https://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/grand-est/meurthe-et-moselle/nancy/les-entreprises-du-vitrail-inquietes-en-raison-de-l-interdiction-du-plomb-2531156.html?_format=html)