

**Priority question for written answer P-001268/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: French law and styrenic polymers

A French law that was recently adopted (2021-1104 of 22 August 2021) essentially imposed a ban on the use of styrenic polymers, which the cosmetics packaging industry relies heavily on.

These polymers, which are already in use in Europe, can be recycled – and indeed they are in many countries, but not in France.

The proposal for a regulation on packaging and packaging waste (the PPWR) being discussed at the moment makes no mention of scrapping styrenics; further limits by Member States would therefore be detrimental to the internal market and ultimately disadvantageous to consumers. In fact, many companies use quantities of recycled ABS in their cosmetic packaging that meet the PPWR requirements.

In the light of the above:

1. How can the production of styrenic polymers, which are widely used in the cosmetic packaging industry, be protected against Member State restrictions?
2. Does the Commission believe that the aforementioned French legislation is in step with the internal market?

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