

**Question for written answer E-002222/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: REACH authorisation processes

In spite of the obligation laid down in Article 64(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), according to which the Commission is to notify authorisation decisions to the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) within three months of receipt of the opinions, there are many cases where the Commission has still not forwarded its draft authorisation decisions to the Agency's REACH committees. In some instances, the Commission is currently more than a year late.

Moreover, the Commission's current practice is generally to calculate the review period from the sunset date rather than the date of the authorisation decision. The review period is not extended in the event of delays within the Commission.

1. What is the reason for the Commission's delays in relation to authorisation decisions, and what steps is it taking to minimise delays?
2. Does the Commission believe that the current practice of calculating the review period from the sunset date is REACH-compliant, or should the start of the review period instead correspond to the date of the Commission's authorisation decision?
3. If current practice is to be maintained, does the Commission intend, in view of delays that are not the fault of the applicant, to extend the prescribed review period by at least the duration of the delay?