

**Question for written answer E-001741/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementing decision granting an authorisation for certain uses of chromium trioxide under the REACH Regulation ((EC) No 1907/2006) and Parliament's objection pursuant to Rule 106

The Commission decided through an implementing decision under Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (the REACH Regulation) to grant an authorisation for certain uses of chromium trioxide, i.e. 4 years for certain uses, e.g. decorative chrome plating, and 7 years for others, e.g. hard chrome plating. The European Parliament raised an objection to that decision, pursuant to Rule 106 of the Rules of Procedure (2019/2654 (RSP)).

1. Can the Commission explain what the exact reasons were for granting authorisations for an additional 4 and 7 years?
2. Can it explain the implications of this decision for companies - often SMEs – which are using chromium trioxide as their main working material and have investment cycles that are longer than 4 to 7 years?
3. How does the Commission intend to react to Parliament's objection to this implementing decision?