

**Question for written answer E-002937/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: PFAS

PFAS were first produced by 3M and DuPont. They knew from their own laboratory tests back in the 1960s that these chemicals posed serious health risks. There is growing evidence that short-chain PFAS compounds, such as GenX, are just as toxic and more persistent in ecosystems.

If we do not minimise their release, people, plants and animals will be increasingly exposed to them and a level will be reached where human and environmental health is adversely affected by them.

1. Why has the Commission not adopted legislation thus far to restrict or ban the use of PFAS, even though ECHA has issued opinions on the seriousness of the threat posed by them?
2. What specific measures has the Commission taken to ensure that national authorities can effectively control the discharge of PFAS from chemical plants across the EU?
3. Is the Commission aware of the serious contamination in the area surrounding the Chemours plant and what is the Commission doing to verify that the relevant national authorities are effectively enforcing discharge rules and limits?

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