

**Question for written answer E-003595/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Exemption for the use of methylene chloride in Eskilstuna

Senior Material Europe AB, a firm based in Eskilstuna (Sweden), has been granted an exemption to use 1 280 tonnes of methylene chloride (dichloromethane) between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2027, of which up to 900 tonnes per year may be released into the air.

Methylene chloride is classified as carcinogenic and very toxic. It has been banned for consumer use in the EU since 2011.

Eskilstuna is located within the Mälaren (Lake Malar) basin, which is the source of drinking water for more than two million people in the Mälaren Valley region, including Stockholm.

Does the Commission consider this exemption to be consistent with EU legislation on chemicals (REACH) and EU environmental legislation?

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