Question for written answer E-002698/2026
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Subject: Follow-up to question for written answer E-001083/2025 on menstrual products: transparency and health risks

On 16 June 2025, the Commission replied to parliamentary question E-001083/2025[1] signed by multiple Members concerning the safety and transparency regarding the health risks posed by menstrual products due to the documented presence of hazardous substances in these products. In its reply, the Commission mentions in particular that a REACH restriction on skin sensitisers is currently in preparation. France and Sweden notified their intention to submit a restriction proposal on skin sensitisers on 11 January 2018 and submitted it on 12 April 2019. The combined opinion of the Committee for Risk Assesment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) was adopted on 17 September 2020, almost six years ago. That opinion supported France and Sweden's proposal to restrict the use of skin sensitising substances in clothing, footwear and other items with similar skin contact, with expected health benefits equivalent to at least EUR 708 million per year.

1. Since the opinion of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) was adopted, what concrete actions has the Commission taken to act on this restriction proposal?

2. What is the expected timeline for the Commission to come forward with a draft proposal for a restriction on skin sensitisers?

3. How does the Commission factor the cost of inaction into its preparatory work, in particular considering the six years of additional exposure since the adoption of the ECHA opinion?

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[1] https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001083-ASW_EN.html.