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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
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The Commission is assessing the Ombudsman's findings and related recommendation and will present its considerations and actions by January 2025.

The Commission is committed to ensure transparency, as recommended by the Ombudsman. In addition, the Commission is already devising actions to tackle, in the medium term, the root causes of the delays that were identified in the inquiry.

Among those actions, the Commission intends to propose a revision of the Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restrictions of Chemicals[1] aimed at, among others, simplification. The dual system of authorisations and restrictions should be reviewed to substantially reduce the need for individual authorisations.

[1] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02006R1907-20241010