

**Question for written answer E-016122/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The additive BHA in animal feeds

Butylated hydroxyanisole (also known as BHA or E320) is a food additive used as an antioxidant and preservative in animal feeds .

In 2011, the EFSA established that combined levels of exposure to the substance exceed the acceptable daily dose for many test groups.

The Department of Health and Human Services of the United States, in its report on carcinogens published in October 2014, deemed it 'reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogen'.

Studies show that the presence of BHA in the diet of some animals produces certain types of tumour.

Some big dog food brands use this additive, which has a generally harmful effect on dogs' metabolisms and could lead to tumours forming more quickly than in humans.

In view of this, can the Commission state:

- whether it believes it should bring forward the review of this substance for animal consumption?
- what initiatives it has adopted to reduce the presence of these additives, including in products intended for human consumption?