

President

To the attention of

Mr Jean-Claude Juncker  
President of the European Commission

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Dear President Juncker,

**Re: Scientific criteria for the identification of endocrine disruptors**

I am writing to you on behalf of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council.

We understand that the Commission will soon publish criteria for the identification of endocrine disruptors. Since the beginning, industry has been much engaged in the discussion and has transparently provided expertise to this complex scientific and political debate. We are fully aware of societal concerns about risks from endocrine disruptors. These are legitimate concerns the chemical industry needs to address.

The chemical industry has a long and proven track record of ensuring the safe use and handling of its products. Safety is paramount for our industry and we are extremely keen to establish safeguards for chemicals identified as endocrine disruptors and ensure that the existing regulatory framework manages their safe use.

It is worth remembering that chemical substances are used on a daily basis for the unique benefits they provide, including to Human Health. Exposure to a chemical substance does not mean that it automatically causes an adverse effect on human health or the environment.

Scientific criteria are needed to identify those endocrine disruptors of regulatory concern, and enable harmless substances to further bring major value to society. Unless potency is taken into account, we will fail to address only those substances that truly pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Cefic supports a single ED category requiring the following criteria to have been met: adverse effect, ED mode of action, causality, relevant potency and severity of the effect.

We remain at your disposal should you require any further information from our industry to support the decision making process in your respective institutions.

Yours sincerely,



Jean-Pierre Clamadieu  
President of CEFIC

cc. Commissioners Andriukaitis, Bienkowska, Vella

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