

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
The Chair

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Subject: Scrutiny of a draft measure falling under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny, with a curtailed delay of two months during the summer recess

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you in relation to the European Parliament's scrutiny of draft measures falling under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny (RPS), that are subject to a two-month curtailed scrutiny period, during the summer recess period.

The measure that triggered this letter is the draft Commission Regulation amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for titanium dioxide (E 171). This specific RPS measure is subject to a two-month curtailed scrutiny period and was submitted to the EP on 9 July 2020. However, the current two-month curtailed delay does not allow Parliament to consider or vote on a possible resolution in time to meet the respective deadline¹.

In general, food safety is of utmost importance for both our institutions, and measures in this policy area should be subject to our careful consideration at all times. In this context, EU legislation regulating food additives, and more specifically titanium dioxide, has been a subject of high interest in ENVI.

On behalf of the ENVI coordinators, I would therefore like to ask you to withdraw the RPS measure mentioned above, and to re-submit it at a later stage, to allow the ENVI committee, and other Members of the European Parliament, in plenary session, to exercise their right of scrutiny of that measure adequately.

I am fully aware of our institutions' arrangement for the transmission of comitology documents during the period of the summer recess 2020. However, submissions of RPS measures with a

¹ Based on the revised EP calendar, the next plenary session is planned to take place during 14-17 September 2020, while the deadline for EP scrutiny of the RPS measure mentioned above is 9 September.

curtailed delay, just before the summer break, could, in specific cases, such as the one explained above, put at risk the European Parliament's right of scrutiny.

The ENVI Secretariat is at the disposal of the Commission Services for any further technical information that might be needed to address the present request.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Antonio Tajani, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs

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