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### Urban wastewater treatment rules' impact on pharmaceutical sector

On Thursday last week, MEPs quizzed the Commission on the implementation of the EU's urban wastewater treatment law and its potential impact on security of supply of medicines.

The European Parliament has debated on whether it would be appropriate to stop the clock on the progressive application of Extended Producer Responsibility rules, whereby the pharmaceuticals and cosmetics industry should pay the costs of quaternary treatment for wastewaters containing hard-to-biodegrade contaminants. A resolution will be put to a vote during the 27-30 April plenary session

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