Considering the complexity of the matter, it appears appropriate to base possible categorisation on considerations in a decision matrix, which take into account severity, reversibility, potency and consistency of an adverse effect. Based on this decision matrix it should be possible to allocate substances falling under the WHO/IPCS definition to categorise as endocrine disruptors (EDs) or even dispense such substances from categorisation.

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Box 1: different options for sets of criteria for identification of endocrine disruptors as a basis for decision making as proposed by the Commission roadmap. Option 1: No policy change (baseline). No criteria are specified.