Question for written answer E-014234/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Doru-Claudian Frunzulică (S&D)

Subject: WHO study on red meat consumption

An international panel of experts convened by the World Health Organization announced on Monday 26 October 2015 that red meat probably poses a cancer risk to humans and that processed meats are a definite hazard. The scientists at the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer considers whether a substance or activity can cause cancer in humans under some circumstances, but it does not render a judgment on the level of exposure that may be considered safe. In the judgment of the WHO's assembled experts, there is sufficient evidence to link meat to increased rates of cancer.

How will this study influence Commission policies regarding the consumption of meat and animal products at European level?

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