

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2631/00  
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to the Commission

Subject: Marketing of toys contained in foodstuffs

A fatal accident has occurred in Portugal involving a child who died of suffocation caused by a toy contained in a packet of milk powder.

Fatal accidents have occurred in the United Kingdom involving children who have died of suffocation caused by toys contained in chocolate eggs.

It is a fact that Directive 88/378<sup>1</sup> on the safety of toys does not fully ensure that the health and safety objectives it proposed are achieved.

What action is the Commission intending to take as regards the need to lay down revised rules on the marketing of toys contained in foodstuffs?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 187, 16.7.1988, p.1