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to the Commission

Subject: European comparison of job descriptions and training of health and hygiene inspectors

A particularly important factor in ensuring consumer protection throughout Europe is the implementation and monitoring of European and national rules, as the awful cases of BSE have demonstrated once again. The training of those groups of individuals who are responsible for carrying out checks, by taking samples for example, is an especially important aspect of this process. As far as I am aware, the job descriptions of such individuals vary widely from one Member State to another. Which groups are responsible in the individual Member States for carrying out such checks and taking samples on the spot, for example, in respect of

- the bathing water directive,
- the directive on water for human consumption, and
- the provisions on hygiene under food legislation?