

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0457/01

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to the Commission

Subject: food monitoring

In view of the numerous cases of fraud which have come to light in Italy and other countries, can the Commission say what measures it has taken to check that banned products are not used in food in the EU and to monitor the situation? Such cases of fraud have included:

olive oil diluted with seed oils or olive residues;

dried ox blood for colouring wine (France, 1999);

meal derived from mineral oils;

chickens, hams and pigs contaminated by carcinogens such as polychlorobiphenyl, of which dioxin is a derivative;

the use of powdered milk in the production of cheeses, ice creams, etc.

Can the Commission also specify which of these cases of fraud relate to products imported from non-member states?