

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3259/02

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to the Commission

Subject: Circulation of damaged products between Member States

How does the Commission view the fact that the authorities in some Member States have issued health and hygiene certificates for products that were probably damaged and which could be the subject of fraud against the purchasing countries and, still more seriously, might jeopardise the health of the general public?

In particular, what action will the Commission take with regard to the confiscation by the Italian Customs Police of dozens of tonnes of damaged tomato concentrate originating from Greece and destined for companies in the province of Salerno?

Is it true that the product in question was accompanied by health and hygiene certificates, issued by the authorities at the place of origin before shipment to Italy, that did not tally with its actual quality?

Will an enquiry be conducted into the trade in such products and its management by organisations not authorised to do so and even by organisations with no credentials whatsoever?