

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1505/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Toys in foodstuffs

The most recent fatal accidents caused by toys (or parts thereof) in food products involved:

1. an eighteen-month-old child, the daughter of a surgeon, who died of asphyxia in Sweden in September 2002, according to a report published by the Swedish Consumer Institute;
2. a five-year-old girl, the daughter of a nurse, who died of asphyxia in Turkey in January 2003, according to a report published in the Turkish press and by the ANEC (European Association for the Co-ordination of Consumer Representation in Standardisation).

In view of all this, can the Commission explain why there is no specific legislation to protect European consumers?