

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2411/03

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to the Commission

Subject: Food and kitchen waste from commercial undertakings

The Commission's reply to Written Question E-1154/03¹ prompts the following additional questions.

Does the Commission currently have data as to the methods and channels whereby waste food and kitchen scraps from commercial undertakings such as industrial kitchens, restaurants, catering firms and public catering services throughout the EU are inspected, analysed, labelled, collected, transported, treated, processed, disposed of and/or destroyed, or does it first need to obtain the 'information...from the Member States' referred to in the reply to Question E-1154/03?

Does the Commission not agree that the subject matter of this question constitutes an acute problem which, for reasons of epidemic control, must be dealt with without further delay? How can the Commission ensure that food and kitchen waste from commercial undertakings within the EU is not illegally fed to animals or otherwise illegally removed or disposed of?

What measures can and will the Commission take in the event of individual Member States providing no information, or insufficient information, on the collection and treatment of former foodstuffs, and in particular on the analysis, inspection, processing, disposal and/or elimination of food and kitchen waste from commercial undertakings?

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