

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3621/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Presence of chlophen in food produced in various regions of Greece

The published conclusions drawn from research carried out by Athens University and the Demokritos research centre have established the presence of chlophen in milk produce in various regions of Greece, such as Kozani and Aspropirgos.

In view of the danger associated with the presence of chlophen in food and the fact that these regions are industrial areas in which clophen discharges have been identified in the past, will the Commission say:

1. whether the competent authorities have carried out checks in the above regions,
2. what measures the Commission intends to take to test for the presence of clophen in food produced in the above regions, and
3. whether there will be a special control programme and, if so, when it will begin to operate?
Should clophen be found in food and thus constitute a serious health hazard to consumers, what measures will the Commission take?