

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0353/05
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to the Commission

Subject: Gifts in foodstuffs

Children are naturally vulnerable, and they are not aware of the dangers of objects around them. For that reason, products aimed at children should be a prime target of European product safety policy.

With specific reference to the sale of gifts with foodstuffs (small toys inside chocolate eggs, crisp packets, breakfast cereals, snacks, etc.) and bearing in mind

- the accidents that these products have caused, which were the subject of a European Parliament study in 2003 and
- the fact that these products are banned in the USA for safety reasons,

what measures does the Commission intend to take to improve European provisions in the area of child safety, so as to prevent the recurrence of accidents involving children choking on, or more seriously, being suffocated by small toys sold with food products?