

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4502/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Food additives

It is well known that the flavour enhancers used in meat-based products and spice mixtures stimulate a specific area of the brain and so give rise to feelings of hunger even in persons who are not hungry. Eating when not hungry leads to obesity, which in turn causes health and other problems.

Could the Commission list the flavour enhancers which produce the feeling of hunger? Have studies into the use of these food additives been carried out? Does the Commission not take the view that consumers should be provided with comprehensive information about such food additives and that such additives should be banned?