WRITTEN QUESTION E-2676/09
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Subject: Authorised doses of trace elements

As a result of the EU Directive on medicinal products and the guidelines on good manufacturing principles for medicinal products, doctors who use biological treatment methods are no longer able to prescribe sufficient physiological doses of trace elements for their patients because of the manufacturing restrictions imposed on pharmacies in respect of those substances. The small (homeopathic) doses of trace elements which may now be provided are insufficient to have any medicinal effect.

For example, as regards curative biological care of cancer patients, care to prevent cancer relapse or care to compensate for a genetic weakness in a patient, clinical university studies since the 1970s have demonstrated and verified (see, for example, the International Journal of Biotechnology 2007:9 No. 3/4, 391-410) that these essential trace elements must be administered in daily doses in quantities of milligrams (not micrograms).

Is the Commission aware that the EU Directive on medicinal products and the guidelines on good manufacturing principles for medicinal products are resulting in cancer patients, for example, not being able to obtain care in accordance with the method of treatment they desire?