

**Question for written answer E-000716/2024  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Health warning concerning the presence of Hepatitis A in strawberries from Morocco

On 4 March 2024, the RASFF portal warned that worrying levels of hepatitis A had been detected at the point of entry into Spain in strawberries about to be imported into the European Union. Hepatitis A is usually found in food that has been irrigated with water contaminated with faeces.

This case, in addition to posing a risk to food safety and health in Spain and the European Union, is evidence of a further violation of the health rules laid down in the agreements between the EU and Morocco.

In view of the above:

1. What steps will the Commission take to prevent this from happening with other products and spreading across the internal market?
2. Does it consider that the Spanish Government should strengthen controls so that such products do not enter the internal market?

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