ORAL QUESTION H-0395/02 for Question Time at the part-session in June 2002 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by John McCartin to the Commission

Subject: Cattle growth hormones

In relation to the Commission's recent statement (IP/02/604) and press coverage on same ('new evidence of risk to humans from cattle growth hormones'), can the Commission state specifically what this new evidence shows and elaborate more fully on the type of health risk that could possibly arise, and does the Commission accept that, in the interests of transparency and credibility, the information they give to the public should be much more specific? Would it also be true to state that the Commission has found no firm evidence of a specific risk to human health from the use of such hormones?

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