

ORAL QUESTION H-0374/06

for Question Time at the part-session in May 2006
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
by Neena Gill
to the Commission

Subject: Consumer information and consultation on the issue of GMO

Many constituents have written to me about the Commission's proposal to allow 0.9% of GMO content in products labelled organic. According to a recent Eurobarometer survey, GMOs are in the top five problems or risks that European citizens associate with food.

The concerns of my constituents are twofold: one that 0.1% contamination of GMO was already permitted in products labelled organic without their being aware of it. And two, that this has been increased to 0.9%. Can the Commission assure me that adequate research has been done on the long-term effects of GMO? And what information can the Commission give me that will help me to reassure my constituents that there will be no health consequences of this increase?

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