ORAL QUESTION H-0653/07 for Question Time at the part-session in September II 2007 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Jacky Henin to the Commission

Subject: Measures to halt dangerous Chinese imports

Toys whose paint has lead in it, carcinogenic peanuts, fish laced with mercury, meat packed with antibiotics, hazardous tyres, pyjamas that catch fire, and so on: every day the EU is swamped with products made in China posing a serious danger to public health. This situation has been brought about by the Commission's irresponsible all-out free trade policy. Checks and retaliatory measures are virtually non-existent and generally do not work.

Is the Commission going to wait for people to be killed by this criminally lax attitude to dangerous imports before it takes effective steps, and employs the necessary means, to protect the health of European citizens?

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