

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0111/04  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Dioxins in farm-raised salmon

According to a report published in the reputable 'Science' journal, significant quantities of carcinogenic substances, such as PCBs, have been found in farm-raised salmon. This has caused great concern among consumers and breeders.

Given the large quantities of salmon consumed, since it is one of the healthiest fish, being rich in omega-3 fatty acids, reducing the risk of heart disease, together with the fact that it is a major source of revenue in areas such as Scotland, can the Commission confirm the reports of contaminated fish and will it take immediate measures to eliminate the danger to consumers and safeguard the livelihood of fish-breeders?