

WRITTEN QUESTION P-6751/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Irish pork contaminated with dioxins

According to European press reports appearing on Saturday, 6 December 2008 the Irish authorities are recalling all pork products which have entered the market since 1 September 2008, having discovered that their dioxin content is 200 times over the admissible limit. The reports also indicate that affected products have been exported to countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Can the Commission provide the following information:

1. What quantities of contaminated pork and pork products have been exported and to which countries?
2. What are the reasons for the pork contamination?
3. What preventive measures was the Commission taking to prevent such a food scandal arising and what measures will it take to ensure that the problem is promptly dealt with?