

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1344/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Trans-fatty acids

Will the Commission take the initiative to adopt legislation laying down a maximum limit of 2% of trans-fatty acids in foodstuffs since it has been proved that trans-fatty acids are the most health-threatening form of fat and constitute a two to five times greater risk of serious heart disease than saturated fats? Or does the Commission intend to contest the Danish limit of 2% despite the shelving of the case on 21 March 2007, the support of the European Consumers' Organisation, BEUC, and after a large majority in the European Parliament proposed in September 2008 to make the Danish rules applicable throughout the EU?