

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6823/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Marketing of pork products containing dioxins

Irish pork products contaminated with dioxins were found during checks carried out in France and Belgium. Following this discovery, Ireland ordered that the meat be withdrawn from the market, but this measure came too late for Romania, where contaminated pork from Ireland was delivered to five firms in three counties and used in the belief that it did not pose any risk.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

- Did it take all the necessary measures to halt the marketing of contaminated pork on the territory of the Member States?
- Will it take steps to ensure that pork can be marketed only after dioxin tests have been carried out?
- Who is responsible in the event that this meat was nevertheless marketed and consumed in certain Member States?