

**Question for written answer E-003001/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Fish contaminated with mercury and other carcinogenic substances

The European press has recently reported that fresh and frozen fish containing high levels of carcinogenic substances is being sold in several EU Member States. As a result of sea and ocean pollution, these substances, in particular mercury, are found at levels over the limit allowed by EU legislation and they are not mentioned on the labels of the fish sold. Consumers are therefore buying and consuming products without knowing what effects their long-term consumption has on their health.

1. What strategy does the Commission have to monitor excessive levels of carcinogenic substances in fish and other sea and ocean products in order to protect consumers from their long-term effects?
2. What steps are being envisaged by the Commission, together with the competent institutions in the Member States and at EU level, to ban the sale of such products and to punish those who fail to properly inform the public about levels of dangerous substances that exceed the limits set for seafood products?

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