

**Question for written answer E-003262/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Corn syrup Coca-Cola imports into Europe and public health risks

Coca-Cola sold on promotion or cheaper at discount shops sometimes comes from abroad. However, in some countries, the recipe is not quite the same and is poorer quality.

Aside from the fact that it is environmentally absurd to have Coca-Cola on our shelves from the other side of Europe or even from even further afield, those cut-price bottles also contain high-fructose corn syrup (HFCS) rather than white sugar.

Many studies have shown that HFCS increases lipid and cholesterol levels in the blood, along with liver fat. In other words, its consumption promotes obesity, diabetes and bad cholesterol.

In view of the above:

1. Has the Commission, through the European Food Safety Authority, carried out a specific risk assessment in connection with the consumption of HFCS, including at moderate levels?
2. If the Commission reaches the same conclusion as all those studies – that HFCS is more harmful to health than ordinary sugar, will it consider taking steps to prevent or control its spread on the European market?

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