

**Question for written answer E-000600/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Recent contamination of formula milk sold in several EU Member States

In a single market based on free movement of goods, this fragmented approach calls into question the EU's ability to ensure uniform protection of infant health. It also raises questions as to both the effectiveness of EU alert and coordination mechanisms between national authorities and the monitoring carried out throughout the chain of production, including where raw materials come from non-EU countries.

Furthermore, until recently, there was no official EU regulatory threshold for the toxin cereulide in formula milk, which exacerbated uncertainty and delayed the EU's response.

Can the Commission state:

1. What measures it intends to take to ensure a prompt, coordinated and harmonised European response should a health crisis affect products for infants?
2. How it intends to strengthen monitoring, alert and communication mechanisms in such situations?
3. Whether it intends to establish clear EU regulatory thresholds for substances that pose a particular risk to infants and update them as needed?

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