

**Question for written answer E-000675/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Aspartame safety update and EFSA E962 evaluation follow-up to E-002897/2025

Following up on the Commission's reply to question E-002897/2025¹, we would like to ask:

1. When is the scientific opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on the salt of aspartame-acesulfame (E962) due to be published?
2. The reply to question E-002897/2025 stated that the opinion on E-962 'will also include an update of the safety assessment of aspartame'. Can this be understood as an update to the 2013 evaluation? Given that E-962 is rarely used in commercial products and that EFSA has limited data on it, whereas aspartame is present in thousands of products, it is aspartame that most urgently requires an updated scientific opinion.
3. Several studies on the health effects of aspartame published as recently as 2025 are relevant when considering the risks to consumers. Can the Commission confirm that all of these studies will be included in the ongoing re-evaluation of E-962, especially since the re-evaluation seems to be delayed?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002897_EN.html.