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Subject: Protecting our sovereignty and food security following the detection of cereulide in infant formula

In a number of European countries, babies have recently had to be hospitalised after consuming formula.

Their hospitalisation – some babies even died – is the result of formula products' contamination with cereulide, which was found in abnormally high levels in one of the ingredients of these products: arachidonic acid, produced in China, which is essential for replicating breast milk.

In addition to the increase in checks by the European authorities on consignments of products imported from China, the question of food sovereignty, which is essential to ensuring public safety, must be addressed.

We therefore wish to address the following questions to the Commission:

1. with a view to safeguarding the quality of the food Europeans consume, does it have the means to ensure that production standards are high in the third countries from which we import consumer products?

2. given that our dependence on other exporting countries, in this case China, is undermining our food sovereignty, does the Commission intend to take steps to boost European production, such as possible relocations, particularly with regard to strategic products such as infant formula?

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