

**Question for written answer E-014687/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Cancer risks inherent in consuming red and processed meat

The recent report by the WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) concluded that consuming large quantities red and processed meat increased the risk of contracting cancer. In an exchange of views at Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, a representative of the WHO recognised that the way in which these findings were published was less than ideal, given that it alerted the public and the livestock sector at that same time, before the full report was even made public.

Does the Commission intend to issue any nutritional guidelines on this matter, within the powers granted to the EU?

Does the Commission plan to conduct any kind of information campaign on the difference between consuming red meat and processed meat?

What implications for public health at international level does the Commission expect the report to have? Does it intend to carry out an impact study?