



# EU Food Policy



SAFEfoodadvocacy has welcomed the European Commission's announcement on 31 January that it would propose legal limits in future for acrylamide in ready-to-eat foods.

"This is excellent news and we hope that such a positive intention will be included in the text of the current draft regulation on acrylamide in food with a specific timing," said secretary general Floriana Cimmarusti.

SAFE has also fired off a further letter, with ClientEarth, to the Health and Food Safety Commissioner, Vytenis Andriukaitis, this week insisting that acrylamide is a contaminant and should not be regulated through the food hygiene legislation.

"It is clear that Regulation 1881/2006 on contaminants is to be considered the appropriate and legal basis of the draft regulation," they insist.

It calls on the Commission to adopt the same approach as it is doing for other contaminants, such as 3-MCPD.

They also still call for the codes of practice to be improved, saying they are too vague at the moment and allow member states to circumvent them, rendering them counterproductive.