



Member of the European Parliament

For the attention of

Mr Vytenis Andriukaitis
European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Mrs Věra Jourová
European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and
Gender Equality

Mr Phil Hogan
European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural
Development

Ms Elżbieta Bieńkowska
European Commissioner for Internal Market,
Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

MEP Nessa Childers
MEP Bart Staes
MEP Nicola Caputo
MEP Piernicola Pedicini
MEP Keith Taylor

Parlement européen
Bât. Altiero Spinelli 15G107
60, rue Wiertz
B-1047 Bruxelles
+32(0)2 28 45180

Brussels, 11th April 2017

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to you regarding your latest proposal to regulate the presence of acrylamide in food.

On the 31st January, during the exchange of views at the ENVI Committee regarding the Draft Regulation on acrylamide in food, we asked for the introduction of legally binding maximum levels of acrylamide for certain food products in this Draft Regulation.

At the time, Ms Sabine Jülicher, Director of Directorate E of DG SANTE, answered that the Commission's intention was to introduce legislation in two stages: first under the Food Hygiene Regulation, without the imposition of maximum levels, to be followed by a second

proposal, be based on the specifying maximum levels for certain types of food (e.g. baby food), under the Food Contaminants Regulation This was later confirmed by Frans Verstraete, Head of the sector for contaminants of DG SANTE, during SAFE's annual conference, on 21st March 2017.

However, the latest draft of the Regulation on acrylamide, based on the Hygiene Regulation, fails to mention any follow-up legislation imposing maximum levels. Such levels are necessary to protect European citizens' health against this carcinogenic and genotoxic contaminant.

We would thus ask the Commission to make clear reference, in the first Regulation, as to when it intends to propose the follow-up legislation, which would include maximum levels of acrylamide for certain food products.

In addition, as promised during the exchange of views, we invite the Commission to launch a campaign to inform European consumers on how to limit acrylamide exposure from home-cooking, and to support organisations such as SAFE (Safe Food Advocacy Europe) and consumer organisations in implementing similar initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

Nessa Childers MEP

Bart Staes MEP

Nicola Caputo MEP

Piernicola Pedicini MEP

Keith Taylor MEP