

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2083/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Toxin testing: use of animal test methods

Regarding validation of tests used to detect marine biotoxins, would the Commission explain the grounds on which biological (animal) methods for the detection of each of the following DSP/lipophilic toxins: okadaic acid, dinophysistoxins, pectenotoxins, yessotoxins, and azaspiracids, are considered by the Commission to be valid, whereas non-animal alternative tests are not?