

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1376:
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(See 'Written submissions' for responses)**

TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2011

Scottish Government—

- What is your response to the second part of the petition? Will you run an awareness campaign amongst health professionals to alert them of free methanol present in our diet and will you substantiate your response?
- Will you elaborate on the 'No' answer given in your 5 January 2011 letter? What is the basis for that position

Food Standards Agency—

- What is your response to the questions from the petitioner in his written submission PE1376/E?

TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2010

Scottish Government—

- Will you take necessary action, as proposed by the petitioner, to bring about a ban on the use of free methanol released by aspartame and to run an awareness campaign amongst health professionals to alert them of free methanol present in our diet?
- Is there a contradiction in attitudes here when aspartame is removed from soft drinks but not from food?

Food Standards Agency Scotland—

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UK Aspartame Awareness Campaign—

British Medical Association—

Health Protection Scotland—

- What is your response to the petition and do you support what the petitioner is calling for?
- What actions require to be taken by government on the use of free methanol?