

On the evening of Monday 27 March, **Elisabeth Borne's government unveiled its (long-awaited) action plan on nitrate additives in food.**

For almost 4 years, foodwatch, Yuka, the Ligue contre le cancer and almost half a million of you, signatories of our common petition, have been mobilising for a ban on nitrites and nitrates added to our food. Thank you for your active participation in this unprecedented mobilisation.

[After a detailed analysis of this action plan](#), **our team is not satisfied!** For foodwatch and its partners, **it is an empty shell that rolls out the red carpet for industry**, to the detriment of citizens' health. Between announcement effects and betting on the goodwill of the industry, [this 3-step plan](#) takes more care of the industry than of public health. **One wonders whether this plan was not dictated by the charcuterie industry lobby (the FICT) and its brands.**

The opinion issued by the ANSES last July (which the government said it was waiting to take into account) was nonetheless clear: it confirms **"the existence of a positive association between exposure to nitrates and/or nitrites via processed meat and the risk of colorectal cancer"**. In the face of these risks, foodwatch is constantly reminding us that the economic weight of the agri-food industry should never weigh more than the right of everyone to healthy and safe food.

**We are more determined than ever to continue the fight: the only "right" amount of these potentially carcinogenic substances in processed meat is ZERO!**

***At the time of writing**, a new twist on the ban on added nitrites is underway in the French National Assembly: a bill is currently being debated to promote access to healthy and safe food.*