

KENT MESSENGER

Curse of the EU duck

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Of all the threats to Elf and Safety, crispy duck and pancakes must rate among the lowest. There are no known instances of anyone being so much as singed during the preparation of this delicious dish.

However, only the European Union could have devised a regulation banning the ovens in which the ducks are cooked. Only our own literal-minded bureaucrats could have taken this rule seriously. Elsewhere in the EU, where law is just a starting point for negotiation, Peking Duck will remain on the menu.

Gravesham restaurant owners beware, over-zealous council workers in the Elf and Safety department of Westminster Council have pounced in Chinatown. I fear for your ovens and my enjoyment of crispy duck. Who's next? The Indian tandoor ovens, the fish and chip shop deep fat fryers???