

## **Electronic nose**

Alpha MOS, France, has developed an electronic nose that complies with a new European Union directive on food odours and packaging. The device uses multiple sensors and artificial intelligence to 'smell' specific molecules emitted by food. It can easily identify impurities and processing defects and measure inconsistencies in food composition. This new tool would be an important asset for food manufacturers to ensure verifiable food safety and authenticity. *Contact: Mr. A. Blasius, IRC South West of France, France. Tel: +33 (5) 6274 2005; Fax: +33 (5) 6274 2020; E-mail: cri.so@ midi-pyrenees.cci.fr; Website: www.midi-pyre nees.cci.fr/.* (Innovation and Technology Transfer, November 2001)