

**Question for written answer E-006379/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Reauthorising processed animal proteins in feed

Recent reports have indicated that the Commission is planning on reauthorising processed animal proteins (PAPs) of porcine origin in poultry feed and the use of PAPs of poultry origin in pig feed. The use of PAPs in animal feed, with the exception of their use in aquaculture, has been banned under Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 in order to prevent, control and eradicate the spread of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), which have the potential to severely endanger both animal and human health.

Can the Commission explain exactly what the state of play is on this issue?

1. What kind of TSE safeguards does the Commission envisage should PAPs of porcine and poultry origins be reauthorised for use in feed?
2. To what degree are existing diagnostic methods which have been validated capable of detecting the presence of porcine and poultry material in feed?
3. How will the Commission inform consumers about products of animal origin identified as coming from animals fed with PAPs of porcine and / or poultry origin?