

**Question for written answer E-008042/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Use of animal protein in feed

It is a known fact that the EU has a chronic shortage of sources of protein for animal feed. This shortage is a result of almost total dependence on imported soya from the US.

The shortage and dependence worsened when the use of meat meal was banned in the EU in 2001 following the BSE crisis.

Now that the disease is under control, meat meal (excluding ruminants) can be incorporated in pet foods and, from the beginning of the year, it will be permitted in aquaculture feed.

According to some scientific opinion (including that of the EFSA), the use of meat meal ('non-ruminant PAPs') in feed for pigs and poultry is now safe because chains that prevent cannibalism are guaranteed.

Can the Commission provide information on the situation as regards this matter which has, according to industry sources, been dragging on for two years, and indicate when it thinks it will be permissible to incorporate processed animal protein of non-ruminant origin in feed for monogastric animals, thus taking advantage of this source of high-quality protein?