

**Question for written answer E-015421/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: GM and antibiotic materials in imported animal feed and the need for food labelling

Antibiotic resistance has been described as 'a looming public health crisis'. European consumers are concerned about GM materials being introduced into the human food chain. In spite of this, the matter is not taken as seriously as it should be:

In a response to question E-008334-15, the Commission admits that it 'does not possess information on what proportion of the imported DDGS is GM'.

Responding to question E-008332-15, the Commission accepted that antibiotic residues have been found in DDGS imported into the EU for use as animal feed.

Is the Commission aware of the challenges that EU producers face in sourcing feed that is non-GM and antibiotic free for livestock and poultry?

Does the Commission recognise the concerns of consumers regarding the increased level of antibiotics and GM materials entering the human food chain in the EU, and what if any steps has the Commission taken to ensure that:

The inspection of all imported feedstock material meets the standards required to ensure that the compounders of animal feeds use only GM and antibiotic free material, and that foods which have been produced using GM material or material that may contain antibiotic residues are labelled accordingly?