

**Question for written answer E-004495/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Excessive quantities of antibiotics in by-products of bioethanol

In its reply to my Written Question E-012833/2015, tabled last September, the Commission stated that, since the first detection of antibiotic residues in bio-ethanol by-products at EU borders in 2008, the Commission had received nine notifications on excessive levels of an antibiotic in by-products of bio-ethanol production, mainly in animal feed.

1. In the light of EU legislation and current scientific knowledge, what is the limit value above which the quantity of antibiotics in animal feed may be regarded as excessive?
2. Exactly what levels of antibiotic residues were found in the nine cases in which excessive quantities of antibiotics in by-products of bioethanol were found at the EU's external borders?
3. What proportion (what percentage) of animal feed imported into the EU is inspected for its antibiotic content at the EU's external borders?