

**Question for written answer E-005906/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Regulation (EC) No 999/2001

On 26 March 2016, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) was detected in the case of a cow that had died prematurely on a farm in the Ardennes. All necessary health and safety measures were taken and it does not at present appear that other cases have been detected.

Nevertheless, this one case has been enough for France to see its status downgraded from 'negligible BSE risk' to 'controlled risk'. This has significant consequences for butchers throughout France, since they must now all observe extremely strict conditions for deboning.

Whilst there is no question of going back on the entire content of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, does the Commission intend to review the procedures arising from the status of 'controlled risk' country in order to introduce more proportionality, so as to ensure that a single isolated and very localised case of BSE does not have injurious consequences nation-wide?