

**Question for written answer E-000836/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: PMSG

PMSG (pregnant mare serum gonadotropin) is a hormone which is found in the blood of pregnant mares and which is also used in pig farming in EU countries. Pregnant horses are systematically mistreated, tortured and killed on 'blood farms' in Uruguay and Argentina, where the blood is gathered. Many of the foals are stillborn or aborted. As soon as the mares are no longer able to become pregnant, they are sent to EU-certified slaughterhouses and their meat then winds up on the plates of EU citizens.

1. What measures can be taken to guarantee that veterinary medicinal products, active ingredients, intermediate products and raw materials used as feedstock which have been imported from third countries have been produced according to EU animal welfare standards or OIE guidelines?
2. Does the Commission believe that the EU GMP guidelines should be changed and that animal welfare should be adopted as a criterion?
3. Does the Commission intend to stop the import of PMSG?