

**Question for written answer E-001346/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Spread of antibiotic resistance

According to a recent report by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and EFSA, resistant bacteria in human beings, animals and food are a widespread and growing problem, and some 25 000 people are dying in Europe each year as a result.

Belgium has not been spared, either. The report indicates that in 2015, dangerous CPE bacteria were found in a sample of pork prepared for human consumption.

A Chinese study recently found that 33% of chicken in Chinese supermarkets was contaminated with CPE bacteria. In Brazil, the same bacteria were also found in 20% of meat on 12 markets in and around São Paulo. Brazil is the biggest exporter of chicken in the world.

Will the Commission step up the monitoring of meat by Directorate 7 of DG SANTE (the former FVO)? If so, how?

Does the Commission consider the Rapid Alert System to be adequately equipped to detect this kind of problem, and have cases already been discovered by means of this system?

Will the Commission restrict imports of meat from countries which use antibiotics indiscriminately, or institute additional checks on them, and will it provide the requisite resources for this purpose?