

**Question for written answer E-001153/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: New outbreaks of salmonellosis

Following a downturn between 2004 and 2009, cases of salmonellosis in humans have been on the rise in recent years. While the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has reported a 3% increase in cases of human salmonellosis, the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) has reported a 50% increase in notifications. A number of salmonella-contaminated food scandals have been uncovered, including the Lactalis case – when 12 million cans of powdered infant from 83 countries, including many in Europe, had to be withdrawn – and the contamination of 20 000 tonnes of soya intended to be used as fodder for livestock in Bavaria, Germany.

What is the Commission's view on the increase in salmonellosis outbreaks and what steps is it taking to establish the facts? What studies is the EFSA carrying out on the possible links between those outbreaks and the ban on the use of formaldehyde in the storage of animal feed?