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The Commission is aware that insect proteins can play an important role to contribute to the protein supply of the EU livestock, as well as in the context of the Action Plan for the Circular Economy¹. Therefore, a Strategic Safety Concept for Insects as Feed² was developed some years ago in order to allow a sound development of the production and use of insects in the EU for such purpose.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/893³ (in application since July 2017) authorised the use of processed insect protein in feed for aquaculture animals. Currently, the Commission is examining a possible expansion of the authorisation of processed insect protein as feed to other non-ruminant, food-producing animals such as poultry. The timeline for the adoption of such measures will depend on the evolution of the discussions with Member States at the technical level, which have already begun.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52015DC0614>

² https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/animal-feed_marketing_concept-paper_insects_201703.pdf

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32017R0893>