

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0504/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: Incineration of meat-and-bone meal

Various European media have recently reported on uncertainties about the incineration of meat-and-bone meal in Spain in 2003. According to official government figures, 400 000 tons of meat-and-bone meal was disposed of by means of incineration. According to the Spanish organisation representing operators of incinerators, however, the figure was only 40 000 tons.

1. Is the Commission aware of this issue?
2. Will the Commission call on Spain to explain the 360 000 ton discrepancy? If not, why not?
3. Will the Commission take measures to protect the health of European consumers and prevent this meat-and-bone meal from entering the food chain, in accordance with the current ban on feeding livestock with meat-and-bone meal? If so, what measures? If not, why not?