Question for written answer E-007692/2013 to the Commission Rule 117 Edite Estrela (S&D)

Subject: Safety of aquaculture products

According to a report drawn up by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), farmed fish will overtake wild fish as the most widely consumed source at world level in 2015.

A sizeable and growing proportion of the farmed fish consumed in Europe originates from other parts of the world and aquaculture production in Europe is generally stagnant, accounting for only 20% of fish production.

The risks associated with aquaculture stem mainly from the use of chemicals, particularly antibiotics and disinfectants.

What action is the Commission taking to guarantee checks on and the safety of farmed fish produced in Europe, and farmed fish imported from other parts of the world?

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