

**Question for written answer E-009629/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Rising threats from antimicrobial resistance - separation of the right to prescribe and the right to sell veterinary medicines

The report on the microbial challenge – rising threats from antimicrobial resistance (P7\_TA(2012)0483) of 15 November 2012, for which the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety is responsible, states that it is necessary to take effective measures to reduce antimicrobial resistance, for example by separating the right to prescribe from the right to sell antimicrobials, thereby eradicating economic incentives to prescribe.

In this connection, I should like to ask the Commission to provide an answer to each of the following questions:

1. Could the Commission clarify whether this will apply only to antibiotics (antimicrobial agents) or to all medicines?
2. Could the Commission explain who is to sell veterinary medicines – pharmacies or some other kind of authorised or newly created organisation – if veterinarians are no longer to be allowed to sell them?
3. Could the Commission clarify whether this separation of the right to prescribe and the right to sell will apply only to the factory farming of livestock or also to the owners of domestic animals?