

**Question for written answer E-001078/2014
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Purity of calcium carbonate in animal feed

Currently in the EU there is widespread use of calcium carbonate with high levels of impurities.

Can the Commission comment on why animal feed producers in the EU are obliged to declare only the percentage of calcium carbonate in feed and not the purity of the calcium used (i.e. 98 % CaCO_3 or higher)?

Given our concerns about the food supply chain and its integrity, is the Commission considering changing these requirements to include details of the degree of purity of calcium carbonate so that buyers are aware of the content and feed manufacturers can provide assurances to farmers about the quality of the feed produced with calcium carbonate?