

**Question for written answer E-001507/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Circular economy for food

Within the circular economy package, the Commission is developing new guidelines for the use of food waste as feed. New expert evidence suggests that meat-containing food waste unsuitable for human consumption from all stages of the supply chain can be fed safely to omnivorous animals and thereby further strengthen the circular economy for food. This kind of recycling is commonplace in New Zealand and the United States, and, if adopted by the EU, could reduce the land area used for pork production by one-fifth, produce feed at a substantial saving compared to the cost of conventional feed, and will reduce the need to dispose of millions of tonnes of food waste every year.

Will the Commission undertake a wider risk assessment of lifting the restrictions on using food waste as non-ruminant feed, considering safety aspects alongside the risks and benefits in terms of food security, climate change and agricultural land use, and the economic viability of pig and chicken farming?