

Transmissible animal diseases

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ("Animal Health Law").

Parliament **approved the Council position** at first reading. It also approved the **joint statement by Parliament, the Council and the Commission on antimicrobial resistance and the use of veterinary medicinal products, annexed to this resolution.**

Based on the Communication from the Commission entitled "[Action plan against the rising threats from Antimicrobial Resistance](#)", this joint statement called upon the Member States to commit themselves to **collect relevant, comparable and sufficiently detailed data** on the actual use of antimicrobial medicinal products in animals and to send such data to the Commission in order to ensure a more prudent use of antimicrobial medicinal products in animals, hence contributing to the reduction of the risk of antimicrobial resistance.

Members also took note of **two Commission statements** in which the Commission:

- undertakes to **publish a regular report as regards the use of antimicrobial medicinal products** in animals in the EU on the basis of data made available by the Member States;
- affirms that it is fully committed to paying **full regard to animal welfare** (although the proposed Regulation does not contain specific provisions on animal welfare), including ensuring full implementation and appropriate development of this legislation. The Union has a well-developed acquis regarding animal welfare covering different species (broilers, laying hens, pigs, calves) or activities (farming, transport, slaughter, research, etc.). This animal welfare legislation will necessarily continue to apply.