

Health policy: animal by-products not intended for human consumption, animal proteins in animal feed

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The Council adopted the common position by qualified majority. Two Member States voted against, because the Regulation does not expressly prohibit the use of processed animal protein and fats in feed and because the Regulation prohibits the use of catering waste in swill feed. The other main issues: - animal feed: the Council agrees with the Parliament on the prohibition of intra-species recycling. There is the possibility to derogate from this in order to allow the feeding of fish with fishmeal and the feeding of fur animals with products derived from fur animal carcasses. This derogation may be granted only following scientific advice. -catering waste: this is introduced in the scope of the Regulation, but only when it is destined for specific purposes in order to avoid duplication with environmental legislation or to avoid hindering the development of new environmental rules on biodegradable waste. A definition of catering waste is introduced, which includes waste from household kitchen. The Council does not accept Parliament's amendment allowing the continuation of swill feeding using catering waste. -Cross-contamination: the Council agrees with Parliament. -traceability: the Council agrees with Parliament on the need to introduce additional requirements to improve the traceability of products or to strengthen the requirements on traceability established by the Commission proposal. Marking of unprocessed Category 1 and 2 animal by-products is not accepted, as applying markers to cadavers or to manure is not practical and brings no additional benefits. -Incineration/review of methods of disposal: the Council agrees with Parliament. -Derogation for burial and burning: the Council agrees on the need for introducing a derogation for burning or burial of cadavers and Specified Risk Material in remote areas and in case of serious transmissible diseases because of the danger of propagating health risks or lack of disposal capacity. -rendered fats, fats derivatives and fertilisers: The Council agrees with Parliament on the need to prohibit the use of rendered fats from category 2 material for the production of fat derivatives for the cosmetics and pharmaceutical industry. The Council does not accept the amendment aimed at restricting the import of ruminant fats due to a TSE risk - this is regulated by the TSE regulation. -Exports and transits: the Council agrees with Parliament on prohibiting the export of Category 1 and Category 2 material, with clarification on products such as game trophies which are exported to third countries. -Most of Parliament's amendments are agreed, except some related to recitals, as they were not matched by the text.