

Animal nutrition: official inspections, undesirable substances and products

2000/0068(COD) - 12/02/2001 - Council position

The Council while confirming the objectives proposed by the Commission and supported by the Parliament, considered it necessary, when drawing up its common position, to make a number of amendments to the proposal. The Council's amendments essentially set out: - specify the scope of certain provisions, especially those relating to emergency safeguard measures and the information system; - make the wording of the Directive more explicit in order to improve its legal clarity; - make the wording of the Directive more explicit in order to improve its legal clarity; - ensure consistency of the different legislative texts on animal nutrition. It should also be added that the Council added a reference in the title to Directives 70/524/EEC and 96/25/EC: for reasons of legal consistency, the Council considered it necessary to include in those two Directives the new definition, introduced in Directive 95/53/EC, of putting into circulation products intended for animal nutrition. More specifically, the amendments to the Commission's proposal relate to: - contingency operational plans drawn up by the Member States to deal with emergencies; - checks at places of destination; - safeguard clause; - information systems for hazards from feedingstuffs; - Member States annual reports on the implementation of their inspection programmes and the Commission's overall summary report.