

Animal nutrition: official inspections, undesirable substances and products

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The amendments accepted by the Commission concern in particular the following issues: - comitology: in relation to the powers conferred to the Commission, an amendment has been accepted which stresses the need to delegate to the Commission some powers in adopting protection measures; - definitions: the Commission accepted most of the amendments concerning definitions because they provide a wider and therefore a better coverage and also the reference to "immediate" in qualifying a risk to increase the legal certainty has been deleted. However, the reference to the word "serious" when used to qualify a risk cannot be accepted for consistency with proposal COM(2000)132 amending Council Directive 92/59/EEC on general product safety; - inspections: the amendments concerning specifically official inspection have been accepted; - transparency: the Commission accepted amendments which stress the need of keeping informed the European Parliament; - the information system: the Commission accepted an amendment proposed by the European Parliament which aims to clarify that the obligation for operators to inform the competent authorities in the event of hazards shall be considered a civic obligation and not an act of denunciation. There is also a need for the immediate transmission of information in the event of emergency; - linguistic and editorial improvements: the proposal has been amended to take into consideration all amendments adopted by the European Parliament considered merely linguistic.