

Undesirable substances in animal feed

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The Commission accepts amendment 4 of the European Parliament relating to the return of contaminated products to the country of origin. The accepted amendment would make the return of EU illegal substances stricter by adding that animal feed could only be exported to third countries once the competent authority of the exporting third country has "expressly agreed, after having been fully informed of the reasons why.." The Commission, on the other hand, rejects Parliamentary amendments setting a stricter timetable for the Directive's implementation. Six months, is considered too short a time-frame for national authorities to implement given the many far reaching measures and provisions outlined in the proposed Directive.