Fresh meat: health conditions for the production and marketing

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The Committee on the Environment adopted the report by Mr SCHNELLHARDT. The report welcomed the Commission proposal in that it aimed to remedy the weak points of the directive on fresh meat and to guarantee its correct implementation. However, it felt that it was still important to take account of the existing relationship between the level and capacity of an establishment and the health requirements for that establishment. According to the report: - the difference with regard to the health requirements to be met by establishments should continue to be highlighted by different markings; - given that a capacity to slaughter up to 20 livestock units per week involved a national market, the opportunities for marketing and moving from the local market, which was too restricted, to the national market could be extended; - it was important to ensure that small and medium-sized establishments could participate more easily in intra-Community trade; - more flexibility should be granted to the authorities in the Member States with regard to approving establishments.