

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

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The Commission supports the Council's common position. It makes the following comments: -animal feed : the Commission considers that the potential risk in fish farming comes from recycling of fish waste derived from commercial farming of the same species. accordingly, the Commission clarifies that the ban provided for in the common position will be applied on a species basis, and will not therefore apply to the feeding of fishmeal to farmed fish as long as the fish meal is derived from different species. -catering waste: the practice of swill feeding is not compatible with the prohibition on intra-species recycling and with the demand for full traceability of feed ingredients, both of which are requested by the Parliament. The recent dioxin crisis and the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, both illustrate why the continuation of this feeding practice is not appropriate. The common position does not exclude for use in animal feed waste food which comes from industrial food business, where traceability of the products can be ensured. The date of entry into force of this ban should be the same as the one set in the forthcoming legislation on Classical Swine Fever (31/10/02). -traceability: the marking of certain unprocessed category 1 material, such as Specified risk Material (SRM), is already established by the TSE Regulation, and an additional marking of ruminant cadavers would not be in line with TSE Regulation, which derogates from this requirement. Additional rules on marking may be laid down under Comitology procedure.