Monitoring the BSE crisis with regard to public health and food safety

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution based on its own-initiative report drafted by Karl Erik OLSSON (ELDR, Sweden) on monitoring BSE. (Please refer to the text dated 19/12/01). Parliament stressed the importance of taking the precautionary principle into account and considered that the Commission must continuously monitor new research findings and take them into consideration. Member States must step up their monitoring of how BSE testing is carried out, ensure compliance with the temporary ban on MBM and the removal of specified risk material, and to impose stiffer penalties in the event of non-compliance with the relevant rules. The Commission must promote the development of innovative methods for disposal and recycling of slaughter waste, such as the production of biodiesel from tallow or fats.