

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

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In adopting the report of Marit PAULSEN (ELDR, S) (see previous document), the European Parliament voted for its resolution by 495 to 10 with 17 abstentions. With regard to waste incineration, the European Parliament believes that new rules must be included and that the reference to the 1976 directive, proposed by the Commission is erroneous. An amendment was adopted demanding that by June 2002, the Commission should present a legislative proposal in order to ban the use of swill, unless the competent authorities in the Member States can guarantee its appropriate treatment with proper sterilisation standards, sufficient to kill the swine fever and the FMD virus. In order to reduce the risk of spreading animal diseases, a conditional ban on swill, foreseeing a registered and controlled disposal of catering waste was considered to be more effective than a general ban which could not be controlled in an efficient way.