Basic information

1996/2130(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Allegations of infringements or maladministration in the application of Community law on BSE **Subject** 3.10.08.05 Animal diseases 8.50.01 Implementation of EU law	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ICTS Inquiry committee on Community Transit System	MEDINA ORTEGA Manuel (PSE)	17/07/1996

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	1944	1996-07-22
Agriculture and Fisheries	1980	1996-12-17
Agriculture and Fisheries	1963	1996-11-18
Health	1961	1996-11-12
Research	1952	1996-10-07
Research	1976	1996-12-05

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/07/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/07/1996	Debate in Council		Summary
07/10/1996	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
12/11/1996	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
18/11/1996	Debate in Council		Summary
05/12/1996	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
17/12/1996	Debate in Council		
06/02/1997	Decision by Parliament	A4-0020/1997	
06/02/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
06/02/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0020/1997	
			Summary

18/02/1997	Debate in Parliament		
18/02/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/2130(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Special committee/Committee of inquiry
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 215
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENQU/4/08077

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0020/1997 OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0003	06/02/1997	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0888/1996 OJ C 295 07.10.1996, p. 0055	10/07/1996	Summary

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1996/2130(INI) - 18/11/1996

On the basis of a report presented by the UK Minister, the Council took stock of the progress made in implementing the measures that had been decided on by the UK in order to eradicate BSE, the aim being to fulfil the various conditions set for the lifting of the embargo on British beef and on certain beef-based products. The Council also took note of the information that was presented by Commissioner FISCHLER on recent work undertaken by the Scientific Committees that had been set up by the Commission, especially with regard to gelatine.

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1996/2130(INI) - 22/07/1996

The Council acknowledged a note from the French delegation calling on the Commission to investigate possible additional measures that the EU should adopt in order to prevent and monitor bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). This mainly concerned the implementation of a continuous surveillance system for transmissible BSE, together with the exclusion from the human and animal food chain of tissue likely to contain the pathogenic agent. The UK delegation expressed its support for this approach. Commissioner FISCHLER pointed out that the Commission had submitted the French delegation's recommendations to the opinion of the Veterinary Scientific Committee and to the recently appointed Multidisciplinary Scientific Committee, the aim being to examine all the technical measures needed to reassure consumers of beef and other meats and to protect their health in an efficient manner, using scientific data as a basis. It was important to initiate a Community approach based on several technical procedures, while at

the same time avoiding isolated national measures. At the end of its deliberations the Council took note of the general direction that the Commission would be taking on this matter and called on the latter to present the authorities concerned with all the additional measures that the Scientific Committees would judge necessary in order to prevent any risk of BSE transmission.

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1996/2130(INI) - 10/07/1996 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee calls on the Council, Commission, Parliament and Member States to take all appropriate measures in their respective spheres of responsibility to guarantee that food products are safe for consumers and to prevent any worsening of the present situation. The Committee asks the Commission to present a draft Directive on cosmetics labelling, similar to the Directive on medicinal products, and for the labelling of all products of animal origin and standardization of labelling of cattle feed, with full disclosure of all ingredients including the percentage of each ingredient. The Committee also calls for immediate removal from Council Directive 85/374 of the exemption for agricultural products and unforeseeable risks. The Committee calls on the Commission to encourage further scientific research into viable methods of diagnosing BSE, with a view to determining its causes and the link with the new strain of CJD. The Committee asks the Council, Parliament and Commission to provide European agencies, Community bodies and Community services with the legal, financial and human resources needed to take protective measures against BSE. In addition to measures to help beef farmers and the other sectors affected by the crisis, consideration should be given to support for workers and businesses in sectors and areas losing income as a result of BSE. The Committee asks that consideration be given to adoption of a special Community initiative covering all the areas -both urban and rural - affected by the crisis, using the available structural funds (agricultural, social, regional). The Committee calls on the Council, Commission, Parliament and Member States to take all appropriate measures in their respective spheres of responsibility to guarantee that food products are safe for consumers and to prevent any worsening of the present situation. The Committee asks the Commission to present a draft Directive on cosmetics labelling, similar to the Directive on medicinal products, and for the labelling of all products of animal origin and standardization of labelling of cattle feed, with full disclosure of all ingredients including the percentage of each ingredient. The Committee also calls for immediate removal from Council Directive 85/374 of the exemption for agricultural products and unforeseeable risks. The Committee calls on the Commission to encourage further scientific research into viable methods of diagnosing BSE, with a view to determining its causes and the link with the new strain of CJD. The Committee asks the Council, Parliament and Commission to provide European agencies, Community bodies and Community services with the legal, financial and human resources needed to take protective measures against BSE. In addition to measures to help beef farmers and the other sectors affected by the crisis, consideration should be given to support for workers and businesses in sectors and areas losing income as a result of BSE. The Committee asks that consideration be given to adoption of a special Community initiative covering all the areas -both urban and rural - affected by the crisis, using the available structural funds (agricultural, social, regional).