

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

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The Commission presented a working document on the use of processed animal proteins in animal feed. Decision 2000/766/CE suspends until 30/06/2000 the use of animal proteins in breeding animal feed. According to the Commission, the solution consists in prolonging this suspension measure until the adoption and the implementation of the proposed regulation of the European Parliament and the Council concerning animal by-products not destined for human consumption. This proposal will establish rules for the production of animal ingredients entering the composition of animal feed which are exclusively taken from animals for human consumption as well as strict control measures for the elimination of animal material not destined for human consumption. According to the Commission, a total ban on animal proteins in breeding animal feed would imply an admission of failure by Member States, agricultural and industry interests, regarding the putting of Community legislation in place. Such a ban would also raise questions of equivalent measures regarding imports of animal products from third countries.