

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

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PURPOSE : to lay down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Regulation 1774/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption. **CONTENT** : after 2 years of examination, the Council adopted the Regulation laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption with the Dutch and Swedish delegations voting against. The Regulation prohibits the entry into the food chain of the bodies of animals and of downgraded animal by-products: the only raw materials authorised for the production of animal feedingstuffs are those from animals which have been declared fit for human consumption following a health inspection. Furthermore, it provides for alternative methods for the use or disposal of animal products, contains strengthened provisions on control and traceability, and sets out the conditions under which animal by-products and derived products may be imported from third countries. The compromise obtained in conciliation concerns in particular the feeding of animals for breeding with catering waste. It retains the substance of the text proposed by the Parliament, while fully observing the Commission's right of initiative. Thus: - the compromise allows for a limited derogation from the ban on the use of catering waste in animal feedingstuffs, for a maximum of four years starting from 1 November 2002, provided that the Member States concerned put in place appropriate control systems and that this does not give rise to an undue risk to human or animal health; - the transitional measures to be introduced with regard to catering waste will be adopted by the committee procedure, which will not oblige the Commission to submit to the Parliament and to the Council a new legislative proposal. On the other hand, the Commission has undertaken to submit by the end of 2004 a proposal for a Directive on biological waste, in particular catering waste, laying down rules on the use, recovery, recycling and disposal of this waste in order to control potential contamination. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 11/10/2002.