

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

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In adopting the resolution by Mrs Marit PAULSEN (ELDR, S) approving the common position, the Parliament has adopted a compromise amendment tabled by PSE, ELDR, Greens/ALE and GUE/NGL, Parliament pointed out that the illegal use of waste from kitchens, restaurants catering facilities in pig feeding has been critically mentioned in connection with swine fever and foot-and-mouth disease. In order to reduce the risk of spreading animal diseases, a conditional ban on the use of catering waste for feeding, providing for a registered and controlled disposal and treatment of catering waste, was considered to be more effective than a general ban which could not be sufficiently controlled. With regard to that ban, the Commission should submit a legislative proposal before the entry into force of this Regulation to ensure the safe use and disposal of certain types of catering waste. Member States shall take the necessary steps to ensure that Category 3 catering waste is collected, transported and disposed of without harming the environment. Member States currently permitting the use of certain types of catering waste under strictly controlled circumstances may continue to do so for a transitional period of not more than four years. The Commission shall lay down rules for the use of catering waste in order to ensure that there is no undue risk to animal or public health during this transition period. Member States shall also be required to provide the Commission with details of the control systems in place and information regarding the safe disposal of catering waste during the transitional period.