

**Question for written answer E-014556/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The meat industry in Europe

The WHO recently published a study by one of its agencies, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, which links the consumption of red meat and processed meat to an increased risk of cancer. The former is classified as 'probably carcinogenic to humans' and the latter, the consumption of processed meat products, as 'carcinogenic to humans'. This study has placed an additional burden on the shoulders of European breeders and processors, even though they comply with legislation and a system of control which guarantee that food, and red meat in particular, meets the highest standards. While the European Food Safety Authority is analysing this report and considering its conclusions:

1. can the Commission in the meantime provide the information available regarding red meat and processed meat?
2. does the Commission have an impact assessment on the implementation of the food safety policy in Europe?
3. will the Commission be seeking a review of its agreements with third countries in order to ensure that their producers meet the same requirements in terms of health, environment and food safety as European producers?