

**Question for written answer E-015176/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Horsemeat imports from Canada

On 1 March 2015, the European Union prohibited the import of horsemeat originating from Mexico on the grounds that the country is unable to carry out reliable checks to determine whether the meat contains substances prohibited in Europe.

A report published by the Food and Veterinary Office on the production of horsemeat in Canada raises similar doubts. The lack of reliable controls in Canada in relation to this meat requires a drastic prohibition measure of the type that was applied to Mexico.

So as to avoid any risk to health, is the Commission planning to prohibit all imports of horsemeat originating from Canada until the controls are able to attest to the reliability of this meat?