

**Question for written answer E-015066/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Use of meat and bone meal (MBM) in animal feed

Regarding the spread of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), such as BSE, there is an EU ban on the use of processed animal proteins (PAPs), including MBM, in feed for food-producing animals (Regulation 999/2001). Since 2005 the Commission has had plans to review the EU measures concerning TSEs. In the TSE Roadmap 2 the Commission mentions that lifting the ban on using PAPs (e.g. MBM) from non-ruminants in non-ruminant feed could be considered. However, in 2012 it decided not to present a proposal allowing the use of MBM.

1. Does the Commission believe that the use of MBM provides a source of high-quality protein in the feed of non-ruminants and simultaneously contributes to the circular economy by adding value to waste products of slaughtering processes, resulting in a more sustainable feed production chain and reduced feed prices?
2. What is the current situation regarding techniques for determining the species origin of PAPs in animal feed? Is the Commission willing to come forward with a proposal to allow the use of MBM in non-ruminant feed in the near future? If not, what requirements should be fulfilled before the Commission is willing to allow the use of MBM in animal feed?