

**Question for written answer E-015032/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Use of antibiotics in the agricultural sector

Back in 2011 the European Parliament demanded stricter controls on the use of antibiotics in the agricultural sector. Several measures were put in place restricting the use of antimicrobials for the promotion of animal growth as well as their prophylactic or preventive use. The Commission set out a 12-point action plan against the rising threat of antimicrobial resistance.

Several media sources in Malta have raised concerns alleging that there has been a lax enforcement of such regulatory measures, potentially resulting in antibiotic resistance and increased infection in humans.

1. Can the Commission confirm whether current monitoring systems to prevent antibiotic abuse are being followed correctly?
2. What action will the Commission take should a violation of the established monitoring controls be established?