

## Europa Parlamentet foreslår skrappe kontrol med antibiotikaforbrug

I et forsøg på at mindske efterspørgslen og udbuddet af tredje- og fjerdegenerations antibiotika i husdyrproduktionen, har Europa Parlamentets sundhedsudvalg introduceret et forslag om mere kontrol heraf. Dette gøres med henblik på at skærpe opmærksomheden på dyrs sundhed uden brug af medicin.

En af initiativtagerne bag det nye forslag, MEP Anna Rosbach, understreger vigtigheden af at skabe opmærksomhed omkring antimikrobiel resistens, der kan resultere i alvorlige og skadelige sundhedsproblemer hos mennesker. Forslaget bygger blandt andet på, at retten til at ordinere antibiotika kun skal gives til fagligt kvalificerede dyrlæger, lige så vel som det skal sikres at kun syge dyr bliver behandlet med antibiotika – i modsætning til flokmedicinering.

I den nærmeste fremtid vil forslaget blive diskuteret i Europa Parlamentets plenarforsamling, hvor dyrevelfærdslovgivningen, samt regler vedrørende belægningsgrader vil blive drøftet. I Europa Kommissionen er debatten om antibiotikaforbruget også blevet taget op, og der er for nyligt introduceret et **12-punktsprogram** med det formål at mindske forbruget.

### Litteratur

Global Meat News, EU call to clamp down on livestock antibiotics, 12. november 2012.

The Pig Site, Current antimicrobial use and resistance issues in the European Union – reality and resolution, 23. november 2012.

[http://www.globalmeatnews.com/Industry-Markets/EU-call-to-clamp-down-on-livestock-antibiotics/?utm\\_source=newsletter\\_daily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter%2BDaily&c=TKsLWhHoMtP4QqiDb7%2FV%2FnrL64I4dvD%2F](http://www.globalmeatnews.com/Industry-Markets/EU-call-to-clamp-down-on-livestock-antibiotics/?utm_source=newsletter_daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%2BDaily&c=TKsLWhHoMtP4QqiDb7%2FV%2FnrL64I4dvD%2F)

## EU call to clamp down on livestock antibiotics

A motion from the European Parliament's health committee has called on the European Commission to introduce tough new controls, restricting the availability of new third- and fourth-

generation antibiotics to the lives

Passed unanimously, the motion said meat industry antibiotics use was still too widespread and continued to promote immunity to antibiotics amongst bacteria that could cause seriously damaging health problems in humans.

It said the European Union (EU) executive should devise a legislative proposal *"for the veterinary sector to limit the use of third- and fourth-generation [antibiotics] for humans"* sponsoring the *"prudent use of antimicrobials in veterinary medicine"*.

The motion attacked the *"uncontrolled prophylactic use of antimicrobials in animal husbandry"*, saying guidelines should insist these medicines are used only on sick livestock. Such advice should cut *"non-essential and inappropriate exposure to antimicrobials in... veterinary medicine, livestock farming, agriculture..."*.

To reduce demand for these drugs, the committee said the Commission should review EU animal welfare laws, especially stocking density rules. This would boost animal health without the use of drugs. It added EU laws should limit the right to prescribe antimicrobials to professionally qualified veterinarians. And also the rights to prescribe and sell antimicrobials should be given to different people *"to eradicate economic incentives to prescribe"*.

The motion was drafted by Danish conservative MEP Anna Rosbach who said later: *"If we do not take measures to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR), it will threaten our ability to conduct what is now routine medical practice which relies on antimicrobials to protect patients from infection"*. She added that more **fund**ing was required to develop new drugs for which immunity has not been spread by livestock prophylactic usage.

The motion will now be discussed by the European Parliament's plenary session. If it is approved, the European Commission will have to propose the legislation suggested, or give a reasoned opinion why not.

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<http://www.thepigsite.com/articles/4158/current-antimicrobial-use-and-resistance-issues-in-the-european-union-reality-and-resolution>

### The European 12-point Program.<sup>1</sup>

1. Strengthen the promotion of the appropriate use of antimicrobials in all member states.



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2. Strengthen the regulatory framework on veterinary medicines and on medicated feed.
3. Introduce recommendations for prudent use in veterinary medicine, including follow-up reports.
4. Strengthen infection prevention and control in health care settings.
5. Introduce a legal tool to enhance prevention and control of infections in animals in the new Animal Health Law.
6. Promote, in a staged approach, unprecedented collaborative research and development efforts to bring new antimicrobials to patients.
7. Promote efforts to analyze the need for new antibiotics into veterinary medicine.
8. Develop and/or strengthen multilateral and bilateral commitments for the prevention and control of AMR in all sectors.
9. Strengthen surveillance systems on AMR and antimicrobial consumption in human medicine.
10. Strengthen surveillance systems on AMR and antimicrobial consumption in animal medicine.
11. Reinforce and coordinate research efforts.
12. Survey and comparative effectiveness research.