Horsemeat originating from U.S. horses does not and cannot meet EU health and safety requirements for human food. It should never reach the European market. But it does. **By the container load.**

Today about 20% of the EU horsemeat market is from Canada and Mexico, much of it of U.S. origin, none of it respecting EU law.

EU rules say categorically that if certain veterinary drugs and preparations (phenylbutazone is just one) are administered to an animal, the meat may never be put on the EU consumer market. **Ever.**

That’s why the EU requires that horses slaughtered for food have a detailed medical history. **U.S. horses never have such records.**

U.S. horses are routinely treated with **substances banned from the food chain** because Americans don’t raise horses for the table.

On 18 March the Agriculture Council must demand that the Commission ban the sale of horsemeat from North America and any third country that does not meet the EU’s food safety rules.

**Respect EU law. Protect EU consumers! Now.**

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