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About 20% of horsemeat sold in the EU does not and cannot meet EU health and safety rules designed to protect consumers, because nobody knows what drugs were administered to the horses.

This meat is sourced from North America, mostly US horses slaughtered in Canada and Mexico.

Between 2010 and 2012, the European Union's Food & Veterinary Office assessed the slaughterhouses in Canada and Mexico. It concluded that the identification of horses was unreliable and that it was impossible to guarantee that standards equivalent to key EU health and safety requirements on drug use were being met.

Yet the Commission and national Chief Veterinary Officers continue to allow meat from horses treated with banned substances to reach the EU market, ignoring EU import requirements designed to protect consumers.

Meanwhile they claim that the horsemeat scandal is just a matter of rogue traders and labelling fraud. **Who's fooling who?**

**Protect EU consumers.
Suspend importation of horsemeat
from North America.**

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