

**Question for written answer E-002112/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Waste products as a source of feed in insect farming

The cost of rearing black soldier fly larvae is currently largely determined by the cost of feed grain. As it stands, waste products cannot be used in feed for insect farming – only high-quality feed grain is permitted. This significantly weakens the financial competitiveness of insect protein. Historically, the EU's strict requirements on feed law can be explained by the BSE crisis. Recently, rules have been relaxed in relation to the use of offal-derived animal protein in feed. However, the insect farming sector has not yet benefited from such a relaxation of rules, even if it only supplies the pet food value chain.

1. To what extent is a relaxation of restrictions in the area of insect farming planned, and under what conditions are these conceivable?
2. Is it currently possible to use waste products in feed under certain conditions – such as on the pet food market or as part of pilot and demonstration projects, etc. – and which waste products would be conceivable in this sense?

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