

**Question for written answer E-009931/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: VAT Directive - Equestrianism

Equestrianism in France has been hit by a hike in VAT (from a reduced rate to a full rate), which applies to a very large number of activities relating to horses. The introduction of the full rate will have a devastating effect on breeding and on riding centres. I have put several questions to the Commission on this matter, starting when professionals and others involved in equestrianism first started to voice their concerns.

People involved in equestrianism have suggested that it should be recognised as a specific activity to which an exception – and therefore a reduced rate of VAT – applies (i.e. sporting activities).

With this in mind, is the Commission intending to review the VAT Directive during this new parliamentary term?

If so, what line will it be taking?