

Question for written answer E-001545/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Falsified pet passports

The number of animals coming into the United Kingdom under the EU non-commercial movement legislation has increased rapidly since 2012.

An in-depth investigation by Dogs Trust has uncovered a range of problems with compliance with this legislation. In every Member State, the national authorities are responsible for issuing pet passports to vets. However, commercial dealers are aided and abetted by unscrupulous vets who are prepared to issue pet passports with falsified data. Although the new regulation ((EU) No 576/2013) came into force in December 2014, it is unlikely to solve the issues.

1. Is the Commission aware of the compliance issues with this legislation?
2. If so, what does the Commission intend to do to resolve them?
3. To the Commission's knowledge, is this an issue affecting a large number of Member States?