

**Question for written answer E-002192/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Delivery of bees by mail

The general conditions that apply for trade in bees within the European Union are laid down in Council Directive 92/65/EC. Among them is a requirement that a certificate must accompany consignments of bees traded between Member States.

The Maltese Parliamentary Secretary for Animal Rights, Roderick Galdes, has been reported as saying that individual breeders are seeking to bypass the system currently in place, 'at times even receiving bees by mail'. This may have adverse effects on the industry.

1. Has the Commission been informed by any Member State of such a practice?
2. Has the Commission taken, or does it plan to take, any action in this regard?