

Question for written answer E-006093/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Facilities for the export of EU meat products

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 lays down the rules for the hygienic handling of products of animal origin in the European Union. It prohibits any fresh meat durability of more than 30 days. This places EU producers in a position of clear disadvantage as regards accessing new markets for meat products with respect to producers from other countries such as Brazil –where the permitted expiry period is three months and there is no obligation to state on the label how the meat has been processed to extend its durability – or the USA, where the use of lactic acid to decontaminate carcasses is permitted. I should therefore like to know:

- Has the Commission considered compensatory measures for EU meat producers who find themselves at a clear competitive disadvantage as regards exporting their products to third countries?
- Does the Commission propose to revise Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 in the short term?