

**Question for written answer E-011525/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ornamental fish

Not only do a great many UK citizens keep ornamental fish as pets, but any new restrictions enforced on the trade and import of ornamental fish would have a negative impact on the UK economy. Will the Commission commit to ensuring that ornamental fish would be exempt from any future proposals to limit the import of 'exotic' or 'wild' species into the European Union? Does the Commission have any knowledge of any upcoming proposals that would impact the import and trade of either captive-bred or wild-caught ornamental fish in the United Kingdom? This industry employs more than 10 000 people in the UK and is worth an estimated GBP 400 million each year to the British economy. Does the Commission know of any proposals that would impact the sale, trade or import of ornamental fish in the United Kingdom?