

**Question for written answer E-000772/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: PDO - derogation for slaughter

Some professional livestock breeders, who have been granted PDO status, have access to only one slaughterhouse in their region to slaughter their animals. It is the only one authorised to grade PDO animals. There is a second slaughterhouse, which apparently would also be very convenient for them, but unfortunately it is located outside the zone defined in the PDO specifications. Under Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, a derogation could apparently be granted to have the animals slaughtered in this second slaughterhouse.

1. Can the Commission confirm that a derogation could be granted for this purpose?
2. If so, can it give me the relevant criteria and deadlines for obtaining such a derogation?