

**Question for written answer E-002764/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Food labelling of whale meat from the Faroe Islands

According to representatives of the Faroe Whales Action Group, any European citizen can, with the correct permit, import whale meat coming from a so called *grindadráp*, a traditional but undoubtedly very cruel form of whale hunt practiced in the Faroe Islands.

Given the fact that tests have revealed that whale meat contains high levels of mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls and other toxins harmful for, in particular, pregnant women and children, can the Commission and its European Food Safety Authority state whether such imported products comply with food labelling standards in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011?