

**Question for written answer E-007889/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Notifying national agencies of shipments of animal origin, unprocessed vegetables and unprocessed fruits

Under Slovak law, the recipient of a shipment of products of animal origin, unprocessed vegetables or unprocessed fruits originating in another Member State must, at the place of destination, notify the relevant Food and Veterinary Office, by means of an electronic system, of the arrival of the shipment, its destination, its country of origin, the type of shipment, the ordered quantity of the shipment, and the food packaging, at least 24 hours in advance. This also applies to food deliveries. According to the explanatory memorandum to the draft amendment to this provision, 'the Commission expressed its dissatisfaction with the notification of food deliveries prior to their delivery onto the internal market'.

Pursuant to Article 3(6) of Regulation No 882/2004, as amended, the competent authority of the Member State of destination may check compliance of feed and food with feed and food law by means of non-discriminatory checks to the extent strictly necessary, including at the request of the recipient of the shipment.

The draft amendment to the Slovak provision changes the period from 24 hours before delivery to 24 hours after delivery.

For what reason does the Commission believe that the notification of a shipment 24 hours before the arrival of products of animal origin, unprocessed vegetables or unprocessed fruit, is in conflict with EU law?

In the Commission's view, is the notification of all three of the listed types of shipment 24 hours after delivery in accordance with EU law?

Is the notification of the listed shipments to the extent described a duty or just an option arising from EU law?