

**Question for written answer E-009126/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Mass transport of animals (mass animal cruelty) in the EU

Chickens and pigs are force-fed in East European farms on a massive scale. On top of that, more than 112 million live chickens and thousands of pigs are transported from these farms to other EU countries in appalling conditions¹.

Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 contains specific guidelines aimed at safeguarding animal health and welfare during transport. These cruel methods of feeding and transport are therefore in breach of EU law, and they cause serious harm to Austrian agriculture.

1. What steps have been taken to date to prevent this type of animal transport?
2. How can the EU Member States ensure that these rules are applied and what can they do to prevent further infringements?
3. With regard to CETA, how can the EU ensure that livestock from Canada is not transported to Europe in similar conditions and that EU rules are complied with?

¹ <http://www.krone.at/tierecke/aktivisten-zu-ceta-eu-sponsert-massentierqual-steuergelder-story-533784>.
https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/practice/transport_en.
<https://www.ciwf.org.uk/media/3818623/eu-law-on-the-welfare-of-farm-animals.pdf>.