

**Question for written answer E-002256/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Animals exported from the EU to third countries

Tierschutzbund Zürich (Switzerland), the Animal Welfare Foundation (Germany) and Eyes on Animals (the Netherlands) carried out checks on the transport of animals at Kapikule, a Turkish border-crossing point, from 2010 to 2015. Serious breaches and infringements of the EU Animal Transport Directive (Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005) were recorded in 70% of the exports from the EU to Turkey. The findings were written up in a report that can be requested from the above organisations.

1. Is the Commission aware of the breaches of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 recorded in the report published by the above animal welfare organisations?
2. Does the Commission intend to collect its own data on the transport of animals to Turkey, in particular as regards the transport of animals by land?
3. Could these breaches be remedied with the introduction of a maximum transport duration?