Question for written answer E-002662/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Live animal transport outside the borders of the EU

By judgment C-424/13, the Court of Justice ruled that the provisions of the EU Regulation on the protection of animals during transport have to be complied with, including in the stages of the journey taking place outside of the EU.

On 1 March 2017, a spokesperson for the Commission was quoted in the Guardian newspaper as saying that the EU has limited power to enforce Union legislation on animal transport within the territory of non-EU countries.

If the Commission is stating that the judgment of the Court of Justice is impossible to implement in practical reality, ought the competent authorities within the Member States from which the animals depart not simply decline to authorise these transports and should the Commission not act and amend the current rules?