

**Question for written answer E-004233/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ségolène Royal decree and amusement parks

On 6 May 2017, Ségolène Royal signed a decree which bans organised swimming with whales, dolphins and porpoises and the buying and selling, breeding and import of dolphins and orcas.

Both Annex A to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 and the directive on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora already ban animal exploitation for profit, except for 'scientific and educational reasons or for reproductive purposes'. The English translation of '*enseignement universitaire*' as 'teaching purpose' means that amusement parks can justify their activities as being in the interests of public education.

1. Will the Commission clarify the interpretation of these provisions in order to prevent them from being misused?
2. Are the regulations which are directly applicable in EU Member States and which transpose international conventions regulating animal exploitation currently regarded as effective and are they being properly enforced?
3. Council Directive 1999/22/EC requires that animals be provided with environments that are as similar as possible to their natural habitats. How can this be achieved?