

Question for written answer E-006883/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Tripartite agreement on the movement of racehorses

The British Horse Racing Authority is one of the bodies designated by the UK Government to manage the Tripartite Agreement (TPA) regarding the free movement of horses for breeding purposes, along with Weatherbys, the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and the British Equestrian Foundation. There are several racecourses in my constituency, including Newmarket, which provide a large direct and indirect value to the economy in the East of England.

1. What discussions have been held between EU and UK negotiators on the continuation of the TPA after the point at which the UK leaves the European Union?
2. Is it likely that there could be a scenario in which the Commission envisages tariffs being placed on the import of racehorses into the United Kingdom from France or Ireland for breeding purposes?
3. Does the Commission expect a reversion to the status of the TPA before the UK was a member of the European Union?