

**Question for written answer E-002254/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Implementation of the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards

The Commission implemented the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards in 1998 via Council Decision 98/142/EC. The agreement entered into force on 22 July 2008 following deposit of the ratification by the Russian Federation. According to the implementation schedule, parties to the agreement had until 2013 (five years after entry into force) to test and certify trapping methods, and until 2016 to prohibit the use of traps not certified in accordance with the standards of the agreement.

The Commission withdrew the draft legislation designed to implement the agreement in 2005 after it was rejected by Parliament.

In light of this, can the Commission confirm:

- How it monitors the implementation of the agreement?
- What progress there has been in adopting the standards?
- What further plans it has to implement the agreement?