

**Question for written answer E-004602/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Updating requirements for operators under the Animal Health Law

The EU Animal Health Law¹ will enter into force in 2021.

Article 84(1) stipulates that in order for operators of establishments keeping terrestrial animals to be registered, they must provide the competent authorities with certain information, including 'the categories, species and numbers or quantities of kept terrestrial animals'.

Article 84(2) specifies that operators of establishments shall inform the competent authorities of any changes in the establishment regarding this information.

Will the Commission therefore confirm that this means that operators of establishments must regularly update the competent authorities about the categories, species and numbers or quantities of terrestrial animals they keep?

In the view of the Commission, how frequently should these updates happen?

If this were not the case and Member States implemented mandatory regular updating, would this be considered an infringement of the legislation?

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases.