

**Question for written answer E-005385/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Transport conditions for calves in the EU

A study by the Animal Welfare Foundation and Tierschutzbund Zürich has revealed that young calves are being transported around the EU in horrendous conditions. Unweaned male calves just 10 days old are being sent to intensive fattening centres. They sometimes travel as far as 3 000 km, which can take more than 40 hours. Crammed in, unable to stand up or lie down, with no food or water, the animals are exposed to extreme heat and extreme cold. This is a breach of French and EU law, especially of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport, which states that journeys should last no longer than eight hours and that '[n]o person shall transport animals or cause animals to be transported in a way likely to cause injury or undue suffering to them'. Derogations from these rules are possible, but only if the animals' needs are met and they are properly fed.

1. Does the Commission believe that these derogations open the floodgates to potential animal cruelty?
2. Does it plan to make Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport more stringent?