

**Question for written answer E-006270/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementation of recommendations on animal welfare

In its Special Report No 31 on Animal Welfare, the European Court of Auditors highlighted the long delays by Member States in implementing some of the recommendations made by the Commission following its audits. The delays concern in particular the procedures in terms of official inspections and the qualifications of slaughterhouse operators.

This demonstrates that there is room for improvement in the EU's action.

In the light of the foregoing, can the Commission say:

- How could it follow up on its recommendations more effectively in the future?
- How does it intend to speed up the implementation of its recommendations in this area and, by doing so, enforce the relevant legislation more effectively?
- If, for those Member States that fail to comply with their legal obligations, does it intend to take action and initiate infringement procedures?