

**Question for written answer E-002902/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Rules on the identification and recording of poultry

The Animal Health Law (Regulation (EU) 2016/429) aims to promote animal welfare.

According to recent news reports¹, the European Commission will, in implementing the Animal Health Law², in future impose new identification and registration requirements on anyone who keeps poultry, whether as a professional activity or a hobby. This means that each chicken or animal belonging to another species of poultry in the EU will in future have to be registered. This is neither feasible nor desirable and creates a significant administrative burden for the keepers.

1. Can the Commission confirm this interpretation and clarify its own position/interpretation?
2. Does the Commission agree that the obligation to register should apply only to professional poultry farmers, or only when it is necessary for reasons of public and animal health?
3. Does the Commission agree that this measure is disproportionate for hobby poultry keepers and does it intend to take this into account when drafting the delegated act?

¹ <https://www.telegraaf.nl/nieuws/1216514329/kippenhobbyist-dupe-brusselse-regelbrij>

² Commission delegated regulation (EU) .../... of 28.6.2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for establishments keeping terrestrial animals and hatcheries, and the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals and hatching eggs