

**Question for oral answer O-000145/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 128

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Subject: Introduction of compatible systems for the registration of pet animals across Member States

The revision of the rules of the Pet Travel Scheme (Regulation (EU) No 576/2013) was warmly welcomed by Parliament, as it clarified what constitutes a commercial movement, allowed for added security features in the pet passport, introduced a new minimum age for the rabies vaccination and introduced new rules for those travelling with more than five pets. Furthermore, Parliament welcomed the Commission's statement annexed to the Regulation committing the Commission to studying the welfare of dogs and cats involved in commercial practices. However, whilst Parliament is still awaiting the outcome of this study, it is already clear, as a result of the Commission-funded CALLISTO project, that there are severe animal and public health risks arising from commercial practices concerning these animals. Furthermore, it is also clear from many of the non-governmental organisations that submitted evidence to the study that, despite the changes to the Pet Travel Scheme, cats and particularly dogs are being commercially traded through misuse of the scheme.

Therefore, following the adoption and entry into force of the proposal for a Regulation on Transmissible Animal Diseases, does the Commission intend to adopt a delegated act under Article 114 of the proposal, and in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in order to mandate the introduction of compatible systems for the registration of dogs and cats which are accessible across Member States?

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