

**Question for written answer P-010005/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Commission guidelines on compliance with Directive 2008/120/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs

Council Directive 2008/120/EC requires pigs to be provided with enrichment materials which facilitate investigation and manipulation behaviours. It also prohibits routine tail docking.

The Commission has prepared draft guidelines setting out its interpretation of the directive's requirements concerning enrichment materials and tail docking. However, there are suggestions that the Commission plans to abandon the guidelines and not to publish them.

1. Is it correct that the Commission will not publish the guidelines?
2. If not, when does the Commission plan to publish them?