

**Question for written answer P-007603/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Problem at the Albița crossing point on the border between Romania and the Republic of Moldova

On 10 December 2017, a consignment of 200 live pigs was held up at the border between Romania and the Republic of Moldova. The situation is particularly worrying since the animals can neither enter the neighbouring country nor return to the farm. These pigs could die of cold, hunger and thirst. Given that other consignments have been sent from the same supplier, the reasons for this problem are not known and the Romanian authorities have not been notified of any change in the legislation in the Republic of Moldova.

Taking into account the Association Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Moldova that came into force in July 2016, the Commission report COM(2017)0401, and Romania's inclusion in Annex 1 by unanimous decision of the Commission's standing veterinary committee in September 2016, without any additional guarantees being required, can the Commission answer the following questions:

Has the Commission been informed of these legislative measures?

Can the Commission take urgent steps to ensure that the above-mentioned export consignment is released?