

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3043/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Import of exotic birds

A recent report prepared by the Eurogroup for Animal Welfare and the Dutch Animal Welfare Society clearly shows that the EU is facing a potentially damaging major health risk from the import of exotic birds and mammals for the pet trade. This is based on facts provided by the Chief Veterinary Officers in 10 of the Member States.

Does the Commission agree that there is a risk of a major outbreak of (for example) Newcastle Disease and will it therefore give urgent consideration to the sensible recommendations set out in the report?