

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3880/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Pet passports

The Commission has set the date for the introduction of pet passports at July 2004. This passport will be valid as a health certificate for pets and enable the owner to take pets freely throughout the Union, with the exception of the United Kingdom, Ireland and Sweden. So far any person wishing to travel within the European Union has to obtain a valid rabies vaccination certificate which is recorded in the pet's health booklet in any case.

Will the Commission say how the transport of pets within the EU will be essentially changed by this measure?