

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4080/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Pets' passports

A Portuguese citizen has contacted me to express concern that in his country the keeping of ferrets for any purpose is illegal, and that pet ferrets may be confiscated and killed or placed in a zoo.

My understanding is that pet ferrets have been included within the EU pets' passport scheme, and travel within the EU will be possible if they have been vaccinated and carry the appropriate marking.

Has the Commission issued any warnings or guidance to ferret owners about travel to Portugal?

In the course of its discussions with Member States about the pets' passport scheme has the Commission explored the issues posed by different national laws on the legality of keeping certain pets?