

**Question for written answer E-002773/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Transport of live animals

In the next month DG Sanco will publish the results of its Study on the impact of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport. It has been gathering and analysing data since October 2010 and the results are eagerly awaited. Similarly, the European Food Safety Authority has published new recommendations in its Scientific Opinion, in which it suggests that new procedures are required in order to alleviate suffering. The EFSA makes a number of recommendations for practical changes and for further research.

Article 31 of Regulation 1/2005 stipulates that the Commission will be presenting its own report. Can the Commission confirm when it will be presenting its report on existing rules on the transport of animals? Will the report be accompanied by legislative proposals, which is permitted under Article 31?

The EFSA made recommendations on the following issues: watering and feeding intervals; journey times; resting periods and space allowance. Can the Commission confirm whether it is considering revising its policy in light of those recommendations?

I have had letters from a great number of constituents drawing attention to substandard implementation and enforcement of (EC) No 1/2005 in the Member States. Has the Commission taken action against the Member States which have failed to comply with the current standards? Will it be making any further proposals to remove disparities in implementation levels in the Member States?