

**Question for written answer E-012414/2011  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Welfare of farmed fish

A recommendation concerning the on-farm welfare of farmed fish has been adopted under the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes. The EU is a party to the European Convention. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has adopted recommendations concerning the welfare of farmed fish during transport and at slaughter. The EU is a member of the OIE.

Has the Commission undertaken an analysis of the extent to which EU aquaculture is carried out in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the OIE and under the European Convention?

What steps does the Commission plan to take to ensure that EU aquaculture is carried out in accordance with these recommendations regarding the welfare of farmed fish on-farm, during transport and at slaughter?