

**Question for written answer E-003582/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Trichinella tests in small slaughterhouses

The accreditation requirements under Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004¹ will pose a major challenge for the accreditation of small laboratories conducting Trichinella testing in the future, as they are disproportionate from both a financial and quality-assurance point of view.

- Could the Commission give any clear indications as to the progress made with regard to solving the issue of the accreditation of Trichinella laboratories in small slaughterhouses under the current review of Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004?
- Would the Commission consider proposing a permanent derogation for these small laboratories? Where necessary, would the Commission consider extending the current transitional measures (with a transition period ending on 31 December 2013) laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1162/2009²?

¹ OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

² OJ L 314, 1.12.2009, p. 10.