

**Question for written answer E-000188/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Enforcement of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 in Poland

According to the 'Annual report on the protection of animals during transport' provided by the Polish authorities to the Commission in 2010, only 0.07 % of animal transports checked by the Polish authorities during transport by road were found to be in violation of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005.

This low percentage appears to be very unrealistic, particularly as other Member States have reported far higher percentages of irregular transports checked on the road: for example, Germany reported 34 %, Slovenia 33 %, Lithuania 32 %, Finland 20 % and Portugal 49 %.

Poland's extremely low detection rate in 2010 is no exception: the percentage was 0.18 % in 2009, 0.06 % in 2008 and 0.11 % in 2007.

1. Does the Commission consider the rate of detection of irregular animal transports in Poland to be adequate, particularly in comparison with the rates of detection of irregular transports in other Member States?
2. Does the Commission consider the quality of checks carried out in Poland in relation to compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport to be appropriate?
3. If not, can the Commission guarantee that the quality of checks carried out in Poland in relation to the protection of animals will rise significantly in the near future, even though Poland's detection rates were extremely and unrealistically low in previous years as well?