

**Question for written answer E-005281/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Animal transport - measures to increase number of inspections

In order to improve the currently inadequate enforcement of Regulation (EC), No 1/2005 the Commission has announced its intention to 'adopt implementing measures concerning the controls to be performed by the competent authorities of the Member States'. Its declared objective is 'an increase in the number of inspections', which 'should lead to improved enforcement'.

The Commission is asked to answer the following questions:¹

1. What achievable and measurable implementing measures aimed at increasing the number of animal transport inspections are currently being prepared or are planned in the near future by the Commission?

(Please note that the question does not refer to the Commission's implementing Decision concerning the Member States' annual reports, as that decision is aimed not at increasing the number of inspections, but simply at retrieving better and more comparable data from the Member States on the controls they already perform.)

2. Will those implementing measures be legally binding?

¹ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the impact of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport. COM(2011)0700 final