

**Question for written answer E-008705/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Pig Welfare Directive

The Pig Welfare Directive includes a partial sow stall ban. Only 10 countries, accounting for 10 % of all EU production, were fully compliant at the start of this year, including the UK. Although infringement proceedings have been initiated by the Commission against some of the countries involved, British production is still being undermined by pork imports from EU countries that have not complied with the directive.

1. What immediate steps will the Commission take so that the UK and other compliant countries do not find their production undermined?
2. What additional action does the Commission plan to take to ensure the full and timely implementation of the directive by non-compliant countries?