

**Question for written answer E-013405/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Issue of the labelling of meat from animals slaughtered without stunning (in line with religious slaughtering practices)

The issue of the labelling of meat from animals that have not been stunned prior to their slaughter (in line with religious slaughtering practices) is currently the subject of a study which is being carried out by an external consultant on behalf of the Commission. The conclusions of the study are expected by April 2014.

In anticipation of the results, could the Commission provide the following information:

1. Will the study include percentages or statistics disclosing the number of instances of mis-stuns, including second and third re-stuns, by slaughter men operating captive-bolt pistols in UK and European abattoirs?
2. Will the study include all forms of so-called humane killing of animals, such as electronarcosis (which involves the positioning of electrodes), suffocation by gas and, in the case of birds, suspension by their feet for the purposes of electrocution in a water bath?