

**Question for written answer E-003395/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Derek Vaughan (S&D)**

Subject: Hedge cutting

There is concern in the farming community in Wales that the hedge-cutting period is too short, especially given the current wet weather. Can the Commission confirm that the rules governing the hedge-cutting period come under European legislation? If so, please indicate whether there is any way in which the hedge-cutting season can be extended.