

**Question for written answer E-006515/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Transport of animals

Problems are constantly occurring with the enforcement of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport. A serious road accident recently occurred on the A10 in Carinthia, involving a Dutch animal transporter with more than 2 000 small animals on board. Apart from the fear suffered by the animals, the lack of adequate monitoring was in evidence: the Dutch animal transporter did not have valid consignment documents for the journey.

1. The most recent Commission report on the impact of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 dates from 2011 (COM(2011)0700). In it, the Commission attaches particular importance to enforcement of the Regulation. What has the Commission done in this regard?
2. The suffering of animals in international transport operations – particularly on long journeys on country roads – must not be ignored. The EU's animal welfare strategy, taking as its motto 'Everyone is responsible', also aims to improve international cooperation in the field of animal welfare. What has the Commission done in this regard, and what further steps are planned?
3. In Written Declaration No 49 of 15 March 2012, the European Parliament called for an upper limit of eight hours to be set for the transport of animals for slaughter in the European Union. What is the Commission's position on this, and what measures is it planning in this regard?