

**Question for written answer E-004032/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Increasing illegal trade in pets

An increasing number of pets are being illegally bred, transported and sold in the EU. Not only does this result in a great deal of animal suffering, it also puts at risk the internal market and consumer rights.

Will the European Commission draw up a cross-sectorial EU action plan to address the illegal trade in pets?

Does the Commission have any specific suggestions as to the extent to which the catalogue of penalties for operators involved in the illegal trade in pets could be strengthened?