

**Question for written answer E-000457/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Livestock transport vessel operations in war-torn countries

The issue of livestock transport vessels still operating between war-torn countries and exporting Member States is particularly relevant in the case of Libya. Cattle collection in Cork to bring cattle to the port of Misrata is under way while military activities are increasing in the port area. In these conditions, compliance with animal welfare legislation cannot be ensured, in particular the monitoring of slaughterhouses to ensure that animals are slaughtered in accordance with the World Organisation for Animal Health's international rules on animal welfare.

1. Is the Commission prepared to draw up a strategy for exports of livestock to war zones and ensure that internal rules on animal welfare are implemented in these areas?
2. In the light of Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which obliges the Member States to 'take full account' of animal welfare when formulating and implementing their agricultural and transport policies, what measures does the Commission plan to take to ensure that such operations are consistent with EU law?