

**Question for written answer E-002668/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Recent Commission audit of animal transport in Romania

A recent audit report by the Commission reveals systematically poor checks being carried out in Romania on animal transport and a lack of documentation, making it impossible to guarantee the welfare of animals during their transport by sea to countries outside the EU <sup>1</sup>.

Does the Commission agree that, as half of the approved livestock vessels in the EU come from Romania, this Member State is regularly in breach of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 <sup>2</sup>? Would it also agree that, in view of the scandalous conditions and/or disasters in 2019 involving two vessels sailing from Romania, the 'Al Shuwaikh' and the 'Queen Hind', checks and enforcement of the EU rules on animal transport fall seriously short of what is required and that Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 needs to be revised?

The Commission had said previously that this audit would provide the information it needed in order to decide on further actions. It also said it would examine Parliament's call for a list of transporters that were regularly seriously in breach of the rules to be published <sup>3</sup>.

Can the Commission indicate when Parliament's call for publication of a list will be examined and the list published?

Can the Commission state what further measures it will take against Romania in addition to the action plan already requested, and whether an infringement procedure is one of these measures?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit\\_reports/details.cfm?rep\\_id=4275](https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4275)

<sup>2</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97, OJ L 3, 5.1.2005, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2019-002302-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2019-002302-ASW_EN.html)