

**Question for written answer E-006206/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Coronavirus and animal transports

The increasing number of coronavirus cases across Europe risks exacerbating the situation for cross-border animal transports, just as it did in March. I would like to ask the following in connection with this:

1. Has the Commission learnt from the errors made in March and taken measures to protect animals so as to ensure that they are adequately cared for during cross-border transports and that they do not suffer unnecessarily?
2. Is the Commission considering definitively suspending animal transports during the pandemic in order to protect animals? Why is the Commission not considering a general ban?
3. Will official veterinarians at the borders be withdrawn, just like last time? Will the Commission again relax the rules further, thus sending the wrong signal?