

**Question for written answer E-006355/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Animal health legislation

Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council on transmissible animal diseases ('Animal Health Law') will apply from 21 April 2021.

The regulation seeks to improve animal health standards and create a common system to detect and control disease and tackle health, food and feed safety risks. In order for the new rules to become applicable, the Commission needed to adopt a large number of delegated and implementing acts. However, it was not possible to adopt all of them by June 2020 as scheduled and a number of them are still in the pipeline. Furthermore, the Member States are still required to consult the social partners on the application of the new rules, a process hampered by the current health crisis.

1. With less than six months to go before the new provisions are due to enter into force, does the Commission believe that Member States will be able to implement them in time to prevent any adverse effects for farmers?
2. Would the Commission consider postponing by one year the entry into force of this regulation, given its importance for efficient animal health management, the improved functioning of the single market and trade relations with third countries?