

**Question for written answer E-006756/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Inhumane treatment of live fish sold on markets and in supermarkets.

In certain EU Member States, including Poland, Czechia and Lithuania, live fish are sold on markets and in supermarkets. Members of the public transport these fish home before killing them, frequently in containers with insufficient water or no water at all. According to Regulation (EC) No 1/2005, 'No person shall transport animals or cause animals to be transported in a way likely to cause injury or undue suffering to them.' That Regulation applies to the transport of animals for commercial purposes, and therefore also to the transport of animals sold in supermarkets or shops or on market stalls.

Similarly, Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 states that 'Animals shall be spared any avoidable pain, distress or suffering during their killing and related operations'. That Regulation contains an exhaustive list of exemptions from its provisions. The killing of farmed fish at home is not covered by any of those exemptions.

In the light of the foregoing:

Is the transport of fish in containers with insufficient water or no water at all and the inhumane killing of fish at home compatible with the provisions of EU law, in particular the provisions of the aforementioned regulations?