

**Question for written answer E-001772/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting the animals on transport vessels in the Suez Canal area

Over 200 vessels are stuck at the two ends of the Suez Canal, the most important sea thoroughfare of its type in the world. Amongst them are ships carrying live animals, waiting for the jam to be cleared, on their way to the Middle East.

In view of the temporary blockage of the Suez Canal and of the animal transport vessels, what measures does the Commission envisage to support the carriers and economic operators in the European Union until the situation is resolved, and also to protect the animals carried by the vessels in this area?