

**Question for written answer E-005261/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Niels Fuglsang (S&D)**

Subject: Requirements for the movement of animals, including backyard poultry

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 lays down requirements for the movement of animals, including poultry, within the Union. The regulation does not distinguish between commercial and backyard poultry. This caused confusion among a small number of people who keep pure-breed birds for hobby activities such as competitions and exhibitions. In pursuit of their hobby, those people sometimes travel long distances with their birds to participate in competitions in other European countries, and they are therefore affected by the rules set out in the regulation.

1. Does the Commission consider that backyard poultry, i.e. birds reared to participate in hobby activities such as competitions and exhibitions, are covered by the rules laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688?
2. Has the Commission considered distinguishing between commercial and backyard poultry in its rules on the movement of animals?