

**Question for written answer E-005535/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Systematic tail-docking of pigs

In 2017, following an audit in Denmark, the Commission concluded that 'actions taken by the Danish authorities have not yet resulted in better compliance with the provisions of the Pig Directive with regard to the avoidance of routine tail-docking in pigs'.¹

Despite this, over 95% of piglets in Denmark still have their tails docked.²

1. How can the Commission allow the continued tail-docking of more than nine out of 10 piglets in Denmark?
2. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that Denmark complies with the Pig Directive?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3944

² [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/652044/EPRS_BRI\(2020\)652044_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/652044/EPRS_BRI(2020)652044_EN.pdf).