

**Question for written answer E-001320/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Fileni case in Italy, possible breach of EU rules and revision of EU animal welfare legislation

On 9 January 2023, with documentation and video footage provided by LAV, an investigative report by Rai3 Report¹ brought to light a number of serious problems with the organic poultry farms of Italy's leading organic chicken producer Fileni.

The company has denied any wrongdoing². They are accused of mistreating and killing (incorrectly, carried out by untrained workers) chickens unsuitable for trade, exceeding the daily emergency killing cap, disregarding free range farming requirements and the biorhythm of the animals and failing to provide adequate outdoor space. The lack of effective checks by relevant authorities and certifying bodies is also highlighted.

Mention is made of the Farm to Fork strategy's focus on animal welfare, the legislation on which is being revised.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Do these practices contravene Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing, Directive 2007/43/EC, Directive 98/58/EC, Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and Regulation (EU) 2018/848?
2. What measures will it take to better ensure animal welfare?
3. Will it propose cutting off financial support to farmers who have failed to comply with animal welfare legislation?

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¹ <https://www.rai.it/programmi/report/inchieste/Che-polli-3fab37d4-8b06-4a50-b9d8-6f1403dbbe6a.html>
<https://parlanoifatti.fileni.it/it/>

² <https://parlanoifatti.fileni.it/it/>