

Question for written answer E-002217/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Protection of equidae

According to the Panhellenic Animal Welfare and Environmental Federation, the mistreatment of equidae, which are used by their owners to transport people and luggage or to pull often overloaded carriages in high temperatures without giving them enough to drink or sufficient rest, constitutes abuse and leads to serious injury, disability or death.¹

Given that Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations lays down rules for the protection of equidae,

can the Commission answer the following:

1. What information does it have concerning the abuse of equidae and working animals in the Member States and in Greece in particular and how effective does it consider the current EU legal framework to be?
2. Does it intend to propose new cross-cutting measures to increase their protection and stop them from being abused?

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¹ <https://www.iefimerida.gr/ellada/filozoika-somateia-apagoreysi-hrisis-ippoeidon>