

**Question for written answer E-000130/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Relaunching the reform of EU rules for the transport of animals

On the 7 December 2023 the Commission proposed a reform of EU rules for the transport of animals. However, the agricultural press<sup>1</sup> recently reported that the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union might abandon this reform and that it will prioritise the proposal on the protection of dogs and cats.

Therefore, the proposed reform of EU rules for the transport of livestock is likely to be deferred to the next Commission, whose term of office will begin after the European elections.

1. How is the Commission planning on relaunching its proposed reform?
2. Given that it would reduce trade volumes and result in fewer negative externalities (accidents on the road and at sea, carbon footprint), can the Commission make a case to the Council for the transition to the transport of meat instead of live animals?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.web-agri.fr/bien-etre-animal/article/860770/le-projet-de-loi-europeen-sur-le-transport-n-est-pas-une-priorite-pour-bruxelles>.