

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0616/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Transport of animals

I have a question to the Commission in connection with the implementation of Regulation 1/2005 on the transport of animals.¹

Animals should be transported in decent conditions and should be treated decently. The EU has had a great deal of influence on the way in which animals are fed, transported and slaughtered in the Member States. With the implementation of the new Regulation 1/2005 of 5 January 2005, it has brought about many improvements to animal welfare during transport. Denmark has adopted more stringent rules on transport times and has allowed 20% more space for animals.

1. Will the Commission give Denmark a dispensation to apply these more stringent rules and, where appropriate, will these rules apply to Danish transports in Europe?
2. If Denmark is not given such a dispensation, will the Commission work towards making the Danish rules apply throughout Europe?
3. What will the Commission do to ensure that common rules apply for the transport of animals in the EU?

¹ OJ L 3, 5.1.2005, p. 1.