

**Question for written answer P-009118/2011  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Richard Ashworth (ECR)**

Subject: Implementation of the 1999 EU Laying Hens Directive

Could the Commission inform me as to how it will quickly identify those Member States not in compliance with the EU Laying Hens Directive before the deadline of 1 January 2012.

Once identified, what specific measures will the Commission use to ensure their compliance? Also, what will be done with the millions of non-compliant eggs that could be produced each day after the deadline passes?