

**Question for written answer P-004042/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Imports of Ukrainian eggs

With Implementing Regulation (EU) No 88/2013, the Commission has amended Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC and Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 so as to include the Ukraine among the third countries from which certain meat, meat products, eggs and egg products may be introduced into the European Union.

Moreover, egg prices in Europe have been in decline for several months, which has given rise to concern among European producers.

The Commission has justified this authorisation on the grounds of the health guarantees offered by the Ukraine. However, the Ukraine does not apply the same animal welfare rules as the EU.

1. Does the Commission intend to implement concrete measures to prevent unfair competition from Ukrainian producers, particularly with regard to animal welfare standards?
2. Regarding the price of eggs, is the Commission able to evaluate the impact of Ukrainian imports on intra-EU prices?