

**Question for written answer E-002435/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Meat sector unhappy with the Commission's new proposal amending the Regulation on the protection of animals during transport

The Spanish poultry and livestock sectors are concerned about the Commission's proposal of 7 December 2023 for a new regulation on the protection of animals during transport. They feel that the new requirements it lays down will compromise both the competitiveness of the sectors, which are already worried about their profits, and the purses of vulnerable families, who will see hikes in meat prices in the shops.

The text tightens up the animal transport requirements, for example by reducing stocking density and increasing container heights. These measures have no evidence base: according to the livestock sector itself, larger containers mean that animals could be bounced around during transport, which could lead to serious injuries or even death.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission provide evidence of the studies it used as the basis for its new animal transport requirements and their impact on food safety?
2. Has the Commission carried out any studies on the economic impact of its proposal to support families' finances in the light of the expected price increases?

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