

**Question for written answer E-002419/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Sir Graham Watson (ALDE)

Subject: Whale products

The European Union has in place under the Habitats Directives rules which prohibit the deliberate capture or killing of dolphins and whales in Community waters.

Icelandic and Norwegian whalers continue to kill whales, and tonnes of whale meat and whale products are exported to Japan. Ships laden with whale products have transited through EU ports such as Southampton, Rotterdam and Hamburg.

1. In light of Union rules on whaling, is such a practice compliant with Union law?
2. If not, what steps are being taken to end such practices? And, if international shipping rules prevent Union action, what steps are being taken on a global level to authorise action?