

**Question for written answer E-014447/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Measures to bring foie gras production into line with recommendations contained in the Council of Europe Convention for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes

In answer to Written Question E-012154/2015, Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis indicated that the legality of foie gras production was explicitly acknowledged by two recommendations adopted by the Standing Committee of the Council of Europe Convention for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes.

Article 24 thereof lays down the conditions the continued production of foie gras, authorising it only where it is already taking place and under the supervision of the authority responsible for ensuring compliance with the recommendations.

Does the Commission therefore consider that foie gras production is lawful only where it was already taking place in 1999 and that the opening of production plant after this date is in breach of EU law?