Question for written answer E-013806/2015/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 130 Isabella Adinolfi (EFDD)

Subject: Welfare of pigs on farms

On 21 May 2015 the television channel La7 broadcast a report in Italy on some Italian pig farms¹.

The report highlighted a series of irregularities, in particular the clear infringement of Articles 3 and 4 of Directive 2008/120/EC on minimum standards for the protection of pigs not just in regard to the animals' state of health but also to their living quarters on these farms.

Is the Commission aware of these facts?

Given the state of health and clear mistreatment of the animals, does the Commission not agree that Italy's implementation of Directives 2008/120/EC and 90/425/EEC and subsequent amendments is unsatisfactory and ineffective?

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¹ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djUaksSPIAk.