

**Question for written answer E-015542/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Aldo Patriciello (PPE)**

Subject: Production of foie gras

Foie gras is produced in accordance with an age-old tradition and is a food that is greatly appreciated on the market.

However, this method of production does not respect animals as it causes the onset of a disease – hepatic lipidosis – which is due to a system of forced feeding.

The European Union on the one hand prohibits the practice, because it is considered to be cruel to animals, but on the other hand tolerates it where it is already a 'common practice'.

Can the Commission express its views so that we can have a clearer EU position on this matter?