

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0464/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Ban on the import of wild birds into the EU

In view of the present risk of an avian influenza pandemic, and in light of the many animal welfare issues raised by the import of wild birds into the EU, does the Commission have any plans to make permanent the temporary ban on the imports of captive live birds (other than poultry for commercial purposes) beyond the end of May 2006?