

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002527/25
to the Commission
Anna Brylka (P/E)
(24 June 2025)**

Subject: List of invasive alien species, Part 4

In connection with the decision taken at the 21st sitting of the Committee on Invasive Alien Species (IAS) on 20 June 2025, could the Commission please urgently provide clarification on the inclusion of the American mink (*Neogale vison*) on the list of invasive alien species representing a threat to the European Union, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014.

According to the information provided at that meeting, the introduction of a two-year transitional period before the entry into force of provisions restricting the rearing of American mink was considered appropriate. In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission provide financial support (from EU funds) to breeders negatively affected by the species being added to the IAS list, in particular: compensation for investments made, the cost of winding down businesses, and job losses?
2. Will the Commission prepare uniform guidelines for Member States on interpreting and applying the new rules to breeders before the species is added to the IAS list?
3. Will the Commission prepare informative tools (such as guidelines, seminars, webinars and FAQs) to help breeders understand the new obligations and adapt to the upcoming legislative changes?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
(27 August 2025)**

Article 9 of the Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Regulation ⁽¹⁾ provides for authorisations that may be granted by the Commission to mitigate the socioeconomic impacts that might arise from listing species as an IAS of Union concern.

This would allow economic operators to continue operating under certain conditions and help to limit the impact on businesses and employment.

There are no dedicated EU funds available for compensation of investments made for businesses impacted by the listing of species as IAS of Union concern.

A considerable number of support and guidance materials have been made publicly available since the IAS Regulation came into force ⁽²⁾. Moreover, regular meetings are held with the Member States, where their needs for support are discussed and reviewed.

Specifically, as regards the American mink, the Commission organised a series of workshops on management and eradication of this species in the first half of 2025. Unless Member States request so, no additional guidance is planned at the moment.

The Commission remains open to dialogue with American mink breeders, but no activities as mentioned by the Honourable Member are planned at the moment by the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species, OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 35.

⁽²⁾ Available on the collaborative platform CIRCABC, https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/4cd6cb36-b0f1-4db4-915e-65cd29067f49/library/e55d2b6b-533d-4c8b-a6f2-29ada6f47850?p=1&n=10&sort=modified_DESC.