

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-004079/25
to the Commission
Anna Bryłka (P/E)
(16 October 2025)**

Subject: Invasive species, Part 1/2

In connection with the entry into force of the legislation on invasive species, I would be grateful if the Commission could provide information on the following issues:

1. Is it possible to provide for a derogation from the obligation to apply the new rules on invasive species, particularly in the areas of breeding, transport, processing or possession of certain species?
2. If so, on what legal basis could such a derogation be granted and which authority is competent to grant it?
3. What conditions must be met in order for an application for a derogation to be granted (e.g. scientific, economic, environmental reasons)?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
(9 December 2025)**

The Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Regulation⁽¹⁾ provides a comprehensive framework for the prevention and management of invasive alien species, including restrictions on certain activities and the possibility of derogations under strict conditions.

Derogations from the obligations imposed by the regulation (for instance, as regards breeding, transport or possession of certain species) are possible under Articles 8, 9, and 31, provided that specific conditions are met, as specified under each of these Articles. These include, for instance, ensuring that activities involving invasive species are carried out in contained holding, that risks of escape or spread are effectively managed, etc.

The conditions for granting derogations are outlined in the aforementioned Articles of the regulation. Member States are responsible for designating competent authorities to issue permits, while the Commission is responsible for granting or refusing authorisations under Article 9.

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. 35-55.