Question for written answer E-000204/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Non-conformity of feed used in the production of ‘Prosciutto di Parma’ PDO

Article 47(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 on geographical indications provides that the amount of feed not originating in the demarcated geographical area may not exceed 50 % of dry matter each year. The product specification for ‘Prosciutto di Parma’ (Parma ham) has recently been amended to ensure compliance with this requirement regarding the origin of feed.

A recent television investigation[1] carried out by RAI – Italian Radio Television – into Parma ham revealed a failure to comply with Article 47(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, highlighting in particular the clear failure to verify the origin of the feed for pigs intended for the production of such ham.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation and the infringement of EU law?

2. Does it consider it appropriate to take action and request an intervention by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry to put an end to this situation that is detrimental to the consumer and to the system of certification of geographical indications?

3. What is its assessment of hams from pigs reared on feed of unverified origin and their placing on the market following the entry into force of the new specification?

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[1] Minuto 31 https://www.rai.it/programmi/report/inchieste/Il-virus-e-il-nemico-in-casa-bf8df870-3e2b-40f7-a0e0-f66979e908a4.html.