

**Question for written answer E-001186/2025  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** Differences between Member States in the treatment of sheep and goat plague

The recent outbreak of goat and sheep plague in Austria, linked to imports of sheep from Romania, led the Austrian authorities to immediately ban imports from countries with confirmed cases of the virus, such as Romania and Hungary. At the same time, additional requirements were imposed on imports from countries such as Greece and Bulgaria. By contrast, despite cases of sheep and goat pox having been identified in neighbouring countries, Greece has not implemented corresponding import bans. This raises questions about the uniformity of measures within the European Union and the effectiveness of the directives in terms of dealing with such epizootic diseases.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What are the official EU directives for dealing with cases of sheep and goat plague and pox in Member States or neighbouring countries?
2. Why do response measures differ among Member States, such as Austria and Greece, despite the existence of common directives?
3. How does the Commission ensure that measures are harmonised between Member States to prevent the spread of animal diseases and protect livestock farming in the EU?

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