

**Question for written answer E-001520/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Emergency measures to combat avian influenza in Poland

It was recently reported that the Commission wants to declare areas of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Łódzkie, Mazowieckie, Warmińsko-Mazurskie and Wielkopolskie provinces that have a high density of poultry farms to be areas with a 'high risk of the spread of avian influenza' in order to implement 'exceptional measures' that would ban exports and poultry restocking, and would require the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of birds. The potential ban would apply not only to poultry producers, but also to hatcheries and egg producers.

The avian influenza virus (HPAI) is seasonal and its prevalence in Poland does not deviate from the EU average. As weather conditions improve in spring the virus naturally becomes less active. However, the Commission is proposing that devastating restrictions be introduced just as the epidemiological situation is on the verge of improving.

1. Since when has the Commission been in discussions with Poland's central and regional governments on emergency measures to combat avian influenza in Poland? Please indicate the subject of these discussions.
2. What precise measures does the Commission intend to take in Poland to combat avian influenza? Please include the timelines, scope and entities covered by these measures.
3. Will the Commission also impose restrictions on trade in the domestic market? Please indicate which products will be affected, as well as what form the restrictions will take.

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