

**Question for written answer E-001522/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Emergency measures to combat avian influenza in Poland, part 3

In recent days it has been reported that the Commission wants to introduce ‘extraordinary measures’ in areas of Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Łódzkie, Mazowieckie, Warmińsko-Mazurskie and Wielkopolskie provinces, where there is a high density of poultry farms.

Poland is the largest producer of poultry meat in the EU and the world’s third largest producer after the US and Brazil, with an export value of EUR 4.4 billion! Figures for 2024 show that production exceeded 3.5 million tonnes, of which more than 2.0 million tonnes was exported. This means that around 60% of Polish production is sold abroad, the majority of which (65%) goes to the EU market and around 35% to third country markets.

1. 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 devastating restrictions just as the epidemiological situation is about to improve. Why is the Commission taking such radical action now?
2. Does the Commission envisage a ban on poultry exports from certain regions in Poland as part of the planned measures? If so, when will such a ban be introduced?
3. Will the potential embargo also apply to hatcheries, egg producers and other facilities?

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