

Question for written answer E-003155/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: For the immediate 100% compensation of livestock farmers due to the outbreak of sheep and goat pox

The reemergence and rapid spread of sheep pox and goat pox in many areas of Greece (Larissa, Magnesia, Central Greece, Thrace, Central and Eastern Macedonia and now also Trikala, Western Macedonia and Serres) has led to large-scale animal culling and huge losses for struggling farmers.

Culls are carried out on the instructions of the authorities, on the basis of EU and CAP protocols implemented by the Nea Dimokratia Government, without ensuring compensation for livestock farmers' lost income or the necessary means for disinfection, digging ditches, movement control and compliance with biosecurity measures.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What view does it take of the need to immediately compensate 100 % of the losses (livestock, production, costs relating to disinfection, feed, quarantine, etc.) and the need to immediately cover staff shortfalls in veterinary services, by recruiting permanent veterinarians and ancillary specialists, and to strengthen their logistical infrastructure?
2. What consequences may arise from the prospective vaccination against the pox, which the Commission is now recommending following an inspection carried out by a team of experts in Chalkidiki last May?
3. Will it assume responsibility for covering 100 % of any income lost by producers, given that feta manufacturers will certainly pass onto them any losses resulting from any barriers to the uptake of feta on foreign markets?

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