

Question for written answer E-003814/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: The EU's poultry meat health standards, imports from Mercosur states and the risk of spreading avian flu

The European Union has, in recent years, set strict food safety and animal health standards, which include stringent controls designed to prevent infectious diseases such as avian flu from spreading in the poultry sector.

However, chicken and turkey meat imported from third countries – particularly Mercosur members – might not comply with the EU's avian flu control and prevention standards,

a situation that could result in the introduction and spread of diseases which could threaten public health and jeopardise the competitiveness of the EU's poultry sector, which is constantly investing capital in the name of safety and quality.

In the light of the above:

1. What measures will the Commission take to ensure that third country poultry meat imports meet the EU's high avian flu health standards?
2. Will the Commission specifically monitor Mercosur countries which export poultry in a transparent manner to assess the poultry health situation, particularly as regards avian flu epidemics?
3. By means of what ongoing and planned initiatives will the Commission protect public health and support European poultry production within the framework of trade agreements with non-EU countries?

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