

**Question for written answer E-004750/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Trade-related consequences of the ASF outbreak in Spain

The recent detection of cases of African swine fever (ASF) in Catalonia has resulted in far-reaching consequences for trade despite the fact that the outbreak is confined exclusively to wildlife and that there have been no cases in pig farms. The Spanish government has preventively blocked around 120 health certificates for export to around 40 countries. This situation creates a significant economic risk for a sector, the exports of which are worth approximately EUR 8 800 million a year, and highlights the need for coordinated action at European level to ensure that localised outbreaks, which are fully controlled in accordance with EU rules, do not result in disproportionate trade restrictions by partners outside the EU.

In light of the above:

1. What actions is the Commission taking alongside the Spanish Government to prevent disproportionate restrictions on imports of Spanish pork, such as updating the guidelines on health regionalisation to prevent unjustified barriers in foreign markets?
2. Does the Commission intend to grant exceptional aid to the pigmeat market under Article 219 of the common market organisation regulation to cushion the economic impact of the outbreak on exports, which constitute one of the main pillars of the Spanish sector?

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