

**Question for written answer E-004804/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Suitability of the EU's compulsory eradication model for LSD in comparison to a management and control-based approach

The recent outbreaks of lumpy skin disease (LSD) have had a significant impact on Spanish livestock farms. Although the disease does not pose a threat to human health and its mortality in livestock is low – around 1–5 % – its incidence causes serious losses in productivity, restrictions to movement and significant economic damage in rural areas.

Despite this, under EU regulations, LSD is in a category that in practice leads to measures of eradication by slaughter, even in cases in which an approach based on continuous management and control – surveillance, biosecurity, movement of animals where necessary and vaccination – could be more appropriate and less detrimental to farms.

1. Does the Commission plan to increase the availability of vaccines, improve compensation schemes and support mitigation measures to help farms manage the disease without having to resort to mass depopulation?
2. Is the Commission considering drawing up EU guidelines that explicitly recognise the option of continuous management of LSD and provide regulatory certainty for the livestock sector?

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