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Subject: Managing lumpy skin disease – revising vaccination strategy and economic costs of mass slaughter

Since the first recent outbreaks of lumpy skin disease (LSD) in France, livestock farmers have been required to carry out mass slaughter, including in cattle herds that were all correctly vaccinated in accordance with national and European health recommendations.

In some cases, entire herds have been slaughtered due to one animal testing positive, despite strict adherence to vaccination rules. This leads to significant economic loss, serious social difficulties and a feeling of injustice amongst the farmers concerned.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does it intend to formally refer the matter to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) for an updated scientific opinion on: the effectiveness of the current LSD vaccines; the risk of transmission from vaccinated animals; the relevance, from a health perspective, of systematic slaughtering in correctly vaccinated herds; and the options for alternative, proportionate measures?
2. Does it have a consolidated economic assessment of the losses incurred from the LSD-related mass slaughter in the EU since the recent outbreaks?
3. Is it considering a targeted financial support scheme for farmers affected by herd slaughtering despite correct vaccination?

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