

**Question for written answer E-001306/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Zoning, external border controls and the functioning of the single market following the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Greece

The confirmed outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Lesvos led to the immediate activation of European protocols, including the culling of animals, the creation of control zones and the suspension of exports. At the same time, cross-border transmission through uncontrolled imports from non-EU countries is reportedly being considered¹.

Applying the ‘zoning’ principle is crucial in order to limit trade measures to affected regions only and avoid a disproportionate impact on national production and the single market as a whole.

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

1. How does it ensure the uniform implementation of zoning by non-EU trading partners to avoid blanket bans on exports beyond the affected areas?
2. How does it assess the risk of asymmetric trade restrictions distorting the single market and what mechanisms does it intend to put in place to prevent them?

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¹ <https://www.agrocapital.gr/news/107037/bryxelles-kampanaki-gia-tin-ellada-meta-ton-afthwdi-pyreto-mploko-se-exagwges-kai-mazikes-thanatwseis-zwwn>.