

**Question for written answer E-003327/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: African swine fever (ASF) restrictions remain in place despite no new cases

ASF-related restrictions remain in force in some municipalities and districts in Poland, even though no new cases of ASF have been recorded there for some time. One example is the municipality of Przystajń in Kłobuck County, which remains within Restricted Zone I, even though, according to information provided by local farmers, no case of ASF has been detected in wild boar there for over a year. Keeping such restrictions in place has significant economic repercussions for farmers and the local agricultural sector.

With the above in mind:

1. What epidemiological criteria and risk assessment findings does the Commission apply when deciding to continue classifying specific Polish municipalities and districts as areas subject to ASF restrictions, particularly in cases where no new infections have been recorded for over 12 months?
2. Can the Commission indicate what specific grounds justify the continued imposition of restrictions in the case of municipalities such as Przystajń, and whether the competent Polish authorities have requested a change in the status of these areas?

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