

**Question for written answer E-003878/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: European support for Greek farmers affected by foot-and-mouth disease

The epizootic foot-and-mouth disease is dragging on and bringing about severe livestock and production losses, restrictions to the movement of animals and products as well as major disruptions to the milk, dairy and sheep and goat meat markets.

Article 78a of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 provides for crisis payments for farmers who suffer serious damage, including as a result of measures to prevent or eradicate animal diseases. At the same time, Article 220 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 allows, at the request of a Member State, exceptional market support measures, with the Union providing part-financing equivalent to 60 % of relevant expenditure to combat foot-and-mouth disease in the livestock sectors concerned. In addition, Article 13 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 provides, under strict conditions, for derogations from killing certain categories of animal of high genetic value.

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

1. Has Greece formally submitted a request to amend the CAP Strategic Plan to trigger Article 78a of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115?
2. Has Greece submitted an official request to trigger Article 220 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 for trading losses in the milk, dairy and sheep and goat meat sectors due to foot-and-mouth disease?
3. Have the Greek authorities asked for or notified the Commission of the application of a derogation under Article 13 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 for animals of the Lesbos sheep breed, which is of high genetic value, and does it consider that the provision can be applied if the required health conditions are met?

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