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Subject: Imports of Thai poultry and compliance with health standards

A recent audit of Thai poultry exports to the EU revealed serious shortcomings, concerning veterinary inspections, traceability, the separation of EU-eligible and non-EU-eligible products and the use of meat from non-approved establishments in products destined for the EU market.

These findings raise questions about whether health standards are being upheld for imported products. French livestock farmers – subject to strict requirements – and other EU livestock farmers are also concerned, as these imports represent volumes that could have an impact on prices and their market prospects.

Meanwhile, the EU is continuing negotiations for a free trade agreement with Thailand.

In view of the above:

1. Can the Commission explain why it has not suspended imports of Thai poultry given the findings of this audit?
2. What measures will it take to ensure that these imports fully comply with European standards?
3. Will it consider suspending any further customs benefits on poultry and the free-trade agreement negotiations with Thailand until guarantees are provided?

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