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to the Commission
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Subject: Commission action to immediately compensate livestock farmers and address the economic impact of sheep pox

Outbreaks of sheep pox are increasing significantly, affecting livestock farmers in many regional units of Greece, such as Aetolia-Acarnania, Larissa, Rhodope, Magnesia, Florina, Phocis and Xanthi.

By way of illustration, 25 out of the 42 new outbreaks were recorded in the two prefectures of Thessaly (representing 60 % of all cases), while it is estimated that 35 000 sheep have been killed in the municipality of Kileler alone.

It should be noted that since the first cases appeared, 638 outbreaks have been reported and 148 285 sheep and goats have been killed.

This irreparably affects the income of livestock farmers and producers and the economic viability of entire regions.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What action will it take and what mechanisms will it activate to provide urgent financial support to the affected livestock farmers in order to cover their lost income?

2. Does it intend to provide compensation for the affected farmers for the dead animals in accordance with the provisions of the Common Agricultural Policy? If so, how much?

3. Is it looking into the reactivation of measure 5.2 with a view to fully replacing animal stocks and strengthening the resilience of the sector?

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