

**Priority question for written answer P-004478/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Action protocols for new outbreaks of lumpy skin disease

On 11 October 2025, France confirmed an outbreak of lumpy skin disease (LSD), which meant that measures restricting animal movements had to be put in place. Those measures ended on 1 November 2025, despite the fact that the disease had crossed over into Spain.

LSD is an exotic Category A disease, which requires compulsory eradication measures when an outbreak is detected. Even though it is not a zoonotic disease, it does not affect the quality or safety of meat, and there is an effective vaccine for it, the vaccine is not authorised outside the vaccination areas (50 km), nor can vaccinated live animals be moved for eight months.

In view of the drastic measures to be taken in the event of new outbreaks and the major economic impact on the livestock farmers concerned, I would ask the Commission:

1. Does it consider it appropriate to resume exports within such a short space of time, despite the fact that new outbreaks would require all the animals to be slaughtered?
2. Since LSD is not zoonotic, does it consider it appropriate to keep it in Category A rather than Category D?
3. Does it envisage authorising widespread vaccination, promoting the development of marker vaccines that differentiate between infected and vaccinated animals with a view to eradicating the disease completely?

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