

**Priority question for written answer P-004548/2025/rev.1
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Subject: Lumpy skin disease outbreak in Catalonia – EU preparedness and vaccine availability

On 4 October 2025, a first outbreak of lumpy skin disease (LSD) was reported on a cattle breeding farm in Catalonia, near the French border. The affected animals were culled, and control zones were established in line with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 (the Animal Health Law) and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687. The outbreak in Catalonia highlights the risk posed by emerging or re-emerging animal diseases within the region and their potential impact on livestock farming.

Under the Animal Health Law, EU antigen, vaccine and diagnostic reagent banks play a key role in supporting Member States in preventing and controlling such diseases, ensuring the availability and strategic management of essential biological materials, including vaccines and diagnostic reagents.

1. Can the EU antigen, vaccine and diagnostic reagent banks ensure sufficient availability of LSD vaccines and diagnostic reagents after the current outbreak?
2. Can the Commission authorise preventive vaccination in Member States without confirmed cases, but where it is justified by health risks caused by high trade mobility, border proximity or other factors?

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