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Answer given by Mr Várhelyi  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The animal health measures (including regionalisation measures with movement restrictions) available to combat animal diseases relevant for Union intervention are laid down in Regulation (EU) 2016/429<sup>1</sup> (Animal Health Law) and its delegated and implementing acts. As the epidemiological situation of different diseases evolve continuously, harmonised measures are regularly discussed and decided at the Standing Committee of Plants, Animals Food and Feed<sup>2</sup> (the Committee).

The Commission is aware that during the last months Poland has faced a specific deterioration in the epidemiological situation regarding highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry, having difficulties in controlling the disease in certain areas with high density of poultry establishments.

As a consequence of that situation, the Polish competent authorities are implementing certain national measures in the zones of major concern. These measures were agreed with the Commission and presented at the Committee. These measures aim to contain the spread of the disease and operate within the framework of EU rules, according to the Animal Health Law.

The Commission then adopted Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/896<sup>3</sup>, amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2447<sup>4</sup>, demarcating the areas listed as protection, surveillance and further restricted zone in view of the evolution of the disease situation. As stated above, the corresponding extent of restrictions is updated regularly according to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/2f28853a-4693-4f9a-aca3-ee464dc2cdac\\_en?filename=reg-com\\_ahw\\_20250328\\_pres-18.pdf](https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/2f28853a-4693-4f9a-aca3-ee464dc2cdac_en?filename=reg-com_ahw_20250328_pres-18.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec\\_impl/2025/896/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/896/oj).

<sup>4</sup> [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec\\_impl/2023/2447/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2023/2447/oj).