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Answer given by Mr Várhelyi
on behalf of the European Commission
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Infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses in wild birds in Spain was detected based on surveillance performed by the competent authority of Spain. Outbreaks were duly notified in the Animal Diseases Notification System in a timely manner and carcasses of dead wild birds in outbreaks were subject to disposal in accordance with the requirements of the EU animal health legislation¹. The Commission has no grounds to suspect that the Spanish competent authorities did not comply with those rules.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') (OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, pp. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj>).