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Answer given by Mr Várhelyi
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission refers the Honourable Members to the answers to Questions P-004688/2025¹, E-000029/2026² and P-004548/2025/rev.1³, which outline the robust framework for lumpy skin disease (LSD) control established by EU legislation, aligned with World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) standards and supported by European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) assessments. In addition, the Commission points out that EFSA⁴ has evaluated the effectiveness of control measures foreseen in that legal framework; it is on the basis of that scientific assessment that those measures are considered appropriate, notably effective and proportionate.

Experience of past and current outbreaks shows that the most effective way to prevent more serious and widespread economic losses, safeguard the internal market, and restore disease-free status quickly is to implement the mandatory control and eradication measures immediately and to deploy vaccination quickly.

As also indicated in the reply to P-004688/2025, EU financial support is available under the Single Market Programme⁵ and the measures under the Common Agricultural Policy⁶.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-004688_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000029_EN.html.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-004548_EN.html.

⁴ <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7121>.

⁵ Single Market Programme <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/EN/legal-content/summary/single-market-programme.html>.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R2115&qid=1757948393327>; <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0236>; <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52025PC0560>.