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Answer given by Mr Várhelyi
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission refers the Honourable Member to the answers to P-004688/2025¹ and E-000029/2026², with regard to the EU framework which provides for surveillance, containment, including emergency protective vaccination, as well as the effectiveness and proportionality of the control measures against lumpy skin disease (LSD).

The Animal Health Law³ and the delegated acts adopted pursuant thereto⁴ prioritise prevention alongside rapid response for animal diseases, including through surveillance, biosecurity, early detection, movement controls, regionalisation and vaccination where epidemiologically justified.

These measures are risk-based and proportionate, aiming to prevent the spread of diseases and limit outbreaks, while ensuring animal health protection and managing trade implications transparently, scientifically and in line with international standards.

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 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); ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/2019-12-14>.

⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj.; Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/361 of 28 November 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards rules for the use of certain veterinary medicinal products for the purpose of prevention and control of certain listed diseases (OJ L 52, 20.2.2023, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/361/oj).