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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the allegations¹ about non-compliance of poultry farms in Poland with the Industrial Emissions Directive² (IED) as in March 2026, a complaint on that issue was submitted to the Commission and is currently under analysis. The Commission notes that it is primarily for the Member States to ensure the correct application of and full compliance with EU environmental legislation, including the IED and its provisions on inspections and compliance assurance. The Commission services have reached out to the Polish authorities and asked for further information. Any decisions on the potential follow up and action to be taken will be made once the analysis is finalised.

The Commission also notes that, in February 2024, an infringement case for non-conform transposition of some of the IED provisions was opened against Poland³. The case covers ninety grievances and the analysis of the Polish reply to the letter of formal notice is underway. Further steps will be decided after the assessment of the reply is finalised.

¹ <https://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/stories/2026-03-31/polands-packed-ghost-farms-present-the-danger-of-undetected-disease>.

² Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on industrial and livestock rearing emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control), OJ L 334, 17.12.2010, pp. 17–119.

³ INFR(2023)2173: [https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR\(2023\)2173&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate](https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR(2023)2173&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate).