

**Question for written answer E-006661/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Effects of the Russian veto

Russia's response to the trade sanctions imposed in the wake of the Ukraine crisis has been to ban imports of agricultural products from the EU Member States that supported the sanctions. This has made matters worse in the pork industry, for example, which has been subject to a Russian import ban since April 2013. The economic effects of the ban have led to producers in Catalonia suffering losses of more than EUR 110 million.

In addition to existing measures and those that have already been announced, is the Commission intending to set up any additional fund or programme for all the sectors that have been affected by the closure of the Russian market, with a view to speeding up and providing more resources for securing access to new markets?

What support measures has the Commission introduced since April 2013 to help the pork industry overcome the difficulties resulting from the Russian veto on pork products?