

**Question for written answer E-005191/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Unjustified import prohibition on Hungarian poultry imposed by third countries

One isolated and appropriately treated case of avian influenza outbreak resulted in several Far Eastern countries and Russia imposing import prohibition on all Hungarian poultry products. The professional organisations calculated that the loss of revenue of the Hungarian poultry sector has so far amounted to EUR 34.5 million.

Worst hit are companies exporting significant volumes of poultry, many of which are nearing bankruptcy. Through these companies, a number of poultry farmers and processing companies have also suffered damages. The situation is further aggravated by the fact that avian influenza has caused serious loss of export volumes to a number of Member States within the EU in the past (e.g. the Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy and Bulgaria). The large volumes of unsold wares left in the domestic market causes the drop of production prices in the EU.

In my opinion, the present situation calls for immediate activation of the EU's crisis treatment tools. My questions for the Commission are the following:

1. When could the Commission arrange for an exceptional EU subsidy at the earliest?
2. Does the Commission consider the temporary activation of export reimbursement necessary for the products concerned?
3. What help is the Commission able to offer to communicating the health and safety of Hungarian poultry products in the markets of third countries?