

**Question for written answer E-006178/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Measures at regional level to contain lumpy skin disease, a contagious disorder affecting cattle

Romanian farmers are concerned about the practical implementation of the EU regulation concerning lumpy skin disease affecting cattle, which designates national boundaries for containment purposes. Should an outbreak occur within a radius of 500 km from the border between two neighbouring countries such as Romania and Bulgaria, they are required to do what is necessary to initiate preventive vaccination.

In view of the current situation regarding outbreaks of lumpy skin disease, could the Commission order that the problem be tackled at regional level without national boundary restrictions?