

**Question for written answer P-002098/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Persistent problem of salmonella-infected meat from Poland

This week, Czech veterinarians have again discovered salmonella in a consignment of meat imported from Poland. This time, it concerns approximately four tonnes of poultry meat, of which more than half had already likely been consumed by Czechs¹. This problem was first identified in the Czech Republic in February 2019, and the Czech Government responded by introducing extraordinary checks. It removed these checks at the end of March, following an agreement with Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis and Poland, in exchange for assurances that no more defective meat would be exported from Poland. Unfortunately, however, it is clear that this problem is far from being resolved.

1. What further measures does the Commission propose to address this issue?
2. If the Czechs continue to identify more cases of defective meat being imported from Poland, will the Commission authorise the reintroduction of extraordinary veterinary checks?

¹ <https://www.euro.cz/udalosti/dalsi-problematicke-polske-maso-do-ceska-se-dostaly-ctyri-tuny-drubeziho-se-salmonelou-1447941>.