

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1394/06

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to the Commission

Subject: Management and treatment of selected diseases in cattle in the European Union

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take with regard to the management and/or treatment of diseases in cattle in the European Union, given the considerable effects on trade?
2. Is the Commission of the opinion that the management and treatment of selected diseases in cattle should be harmonised at EU level?
3. Where cases of IBR (BHV1) exist, national regulations establish barriers on international trade in cattle. Does the Commission intend to adopt a uniform European definition of 'IBR-free' ('BHV1-free')?
4. Is the Commission of the opinion that such a definition should also allow the use of approved marker vaccines in some circumstances?