

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2370/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Contaminated poultrymeat in Romania

Only now is it emerging that an outbreak of avian flu among poultry in Romania was not reported, that contaminated birds were slaughtered at an EU-approval slaughterhouse and that the meat was then sold in supermarkets. The Romanian authorities have now arrested the veterinary surgeon responsible and have decided to remove the poultrymeat from the supermarkets.

1. What steps has the European Commission taken to ensure that no contaminated meat was exported to the EU?
2. What penalties has the European Commission imposed on the slaughterhouse concerned, which supposedly complies with EU standards?
3. What representations has the European Commission made to the Romanian authorities urging them to prevent similar instances of fraud in the future?