

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5258/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Problems regarding trade in agricultural goods with Russia

On 3 October 2007, Russia banned imports of fishmeal from Poland. The reason for introducing this embargo was the alleged contamination of fishmeal with protein of animal origin. Russia has also warned that it may ban Polish products of plant origin imported via third countries. Neither the Polish Ambassador in Moscow nor the Commission was informed beforehand that this type of restriction would be introduced.

The Russian ban on Polish imports is unjustified, as Polish plant health checks have not revealed any irregularities. Polish firms authorised to trade on the internal market meet all EU requirements.

The lack of breakthrough regarding the Russian ban on imports of Polish products of plant and animal origin imposed in November 2005 (i.e. more than 22 months ago) is also a cause of increasing concern.

What action will the Commission take in the immediate future to ensure that the Russian Federation lifts the restrictions imposed on Polish agricultural goods?