

**Question for written answer E-004461/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Russia's blocking of pork imports from the Republic of Moldova

On 8 April, the Russian federal food safety service announced that it had decided to block imports of pork products from the Republic of Moldova. The reasons cited by the food safety authority are linked to possible exports by a firm from the Republic of Moldova of meat products that in fact came from Germany.

What view does the Commission take of this new form of economic pressure exerted by Russia on an Eastern neighbourhood partner which is on the point of signing an association agreement in the coming months?

What steps will the Commission take to counteract this Russian embargo?