

**Question for written answer E-005116/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Regarding restrictions on trade in foodstuffs

Renewal of trade in foodstuffs with Russia should be applied to all Member States of the European Union, without discriminating against any of them. However, the Director-General of the DG Health and Consumers Ladislav Miko and the Head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation Sergey Dankvert, who met in mid-January in Berlin, negotiated a lifting of the embargo for individual Member States. This situation has caused outrage among some Member States, including Lithuania.

1. Could the Commission provide more information on the current situation and action to be taken to address this issue?
2. Does the Commission intend to open negotiations on behalf of the EU as a whole, without discriminating against certain Member States, including Lithuania? Or will negotiations revolve around the renewal of imports of certain foodstuffs from individual Member States of the EU, while the remaining Member States will have to negotiate with Russia individually?
3. What measures does the Commission intend to take to protect countries whose relationship with Russia is particularly tense, including Lithuania?