

**Question for written answer E-004206/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures against market disturbance to the veal sector

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, veal prices in the EU have dropped drastically. While the Commission has taken market intervention measures and exceptional measures for goods such as dairy, wine, beef and lamb, measures for veal are still urgently needed.

Where market intervention measures prove to be insufficient <sup>1</sup>, Article 219(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 offers a legal basis for exceptional measures, which may also extend or modify the scope of other measures provided for under the regulation, such as opening temporary exceptional private storage aid (PSA) schemes covering products beyond the scope of Article 17. An example of a PSA scheme with extended scope beyond Article 17 can be found in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1852.

1. Does the Commission acknowledge the significant disturbance to the veal market, as evidenced by the continuously low prices and the initial PSA drafts reported?
2. Given the low uptake of PSA for beef and lamb, does the Commission agree that the measures should be better targeted at the urgent needs of the sectors, given that the budget envisaged remains available?
3. Is the Commission willing to swiftly open an exceptional private storage aid scheme for veal based on Article 219(1), thereby including meat of bovine animals under 8 months?

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<sup>1</sup> i.e. the scope of Article 17(d) is limited to meat of bovine animals aged 8 months or more