

**Question for written answer E-005668/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: The price of pork continues to rise

In view of the African swine fever crisis and the growing demand from China for imported European pork, zootechnical specialists have said that pork prices in Europe are set to increase around 25% in the next few years.

China produces the highest quantity of meat in the world, around 50 million tonnes, but due to African swine fever, it too has seen its production drop to around 35 million tonnes, and as a result will import 7–8 million tonnes of pork, mainly from Europe. Pork exports from Europe to China have increased from 2.6 million tonnes in 2018 to 3.7 million in 2020, which is an increase of over one million, projected to reach 4 million tonnes by 2025.

What mechanisms does the Commission have for ensuring that Chinese importing does not place yet more pressure on the European pork market and lead to significant price increases?