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to the Commission**

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Subject: African swine fever and embargo on exports of pork products from Italy

African swine fever (ASF) is an infectious and highly fatal disease affecting pigs.

The absence of vaccines and the high rate of contagion make it a constant danger for pig breeders and for the entire supply chain.

Following seven recent cases of ASF detected in Piedmont and Liguria, the first bans on the salami and pigmeat imports from Italy have been imposed by third countries.

A number of regions, acting on indications from the National Ministry of Health Crisis Unit, have adopted initial measures to prevent contagion in the provinces most at risk.

The situation is also very difficult in the Veneto region, especially in those areas where there is a greater presence of wild boars, which carry the virus.

In view of this:

1. What action is the Commission taking in response to the embargo being imposed by a number of third countries on imports of pigmeat and other products from the whole of Italy?
2. Have steps been taken in any Member States to contain or eradicate swine fever that could be usefully emulated?
3. What measures is it planning to take to prevent the spread of the disease?