

Question for written answer E-000251/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: AGEA payments to the livestock sector

Since 2004, the Italian livestock sector has received subsidies to compensate for the removal and destruction of carcasses, for weather-related risks to facilities and for the risks associated with the spread of animal diseases.

Over the years, this instrument has continued to be popular amongst farmers, bringing huge benefits to society, as it has greatly curbed animal burials and other unauthorised practices.

In 2015, the introduction of a new IT management system, run by the Italian Agricultural Payments Agency (AGEA), led to a backlog in the payment of subsidies for the disposal of carcasses and for greenhouses over the 2015-2017 period.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the AGEA's difficulties in running the national IT system?
2. Will it urge the AGEA, as the agency responsible for managing EU funds, to take swift action to simplify procedures and pay all overdue subsidies?