

**Question for written answer E-003731/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Impact on the European poultry sector of trade deregulation with Ukraine

On 4 June 2022, Regulation 2022/870 introducing temporary trade deregulation measures for Ukrainian products entered into force. From the outset, feedback regarding the impact on European producers began to come in from a number of sources, including as the poultry sector. On average, around 18 500 tonnes of poultry have been imported from Ukraine each month since the measures came into force. Between 1 January 2022 and 2 November 2022, total imports of poultry from Ukraine amounted to 131 000 tonnes, 85% up on the same period last year, the increase for frozen meat being particularly dramatic (162%). In addition, total EU egg imports of eggs were up 273% on the same period last year. In other words, the tariff-free quota has tripled from 70 000 tonnes to 220 000 tonnes per annum. In view of this:

1. Does the Commission intend to respond if this trend continues and thus threatens to undermine our own European poultry farmers? If so, how?
2. What accompanying policy options is it considering to mitigate the damage to poultry farmers caused by these trade deregulation measures?

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