

**Question for written answer E-001240/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Consequences of the import ban on agricultural goods from Ukraine

On 15 April 2023, the Polish Government published a regulation establishing a ban on the import of food and agricultural commodities from Ukraine to Poland, which came into force automatically upon publication. The Polish authorities introduced the ban in response to the substantial volume of grain imports from Ukraine, which is partly the result of the removal of tariffs and quantitative restrictions on the trade in goods between the EU and Ukraine, which came into force on 4 June 2022. The import ban was introduced in response to protests by Polish agricultural producers and without consulting the Commission, in violation of its exclusive competence in this area. With this in mind, I should like to put the following questions to the Commission:

1. Since the entry into force of trade preferences for Ukraine in June 2022, has the Polish Government notified the Commission of problems associated with an excessive influx of food and agricultural commodities that would justify the temporary suspension of trade preferences and the reinstatement of customs tariffs?
2. In the Commission's view, is the introduction of a ban on imports of agri-food products from Ukraine to Poland likely to contribute to a significant reduction in the functioning of the 'solidarity corridors'?
3. If it is confirmed that the Polish authorities have exceeded their powers by imposing an import ban, does the Commission plan to bring consequences to bear on the Polish Government?

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