

**Question for written answer E-002660/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Request for the adoption of urgent measures to address the African swine fever emergency

African swine fever is a viral disease of wild boar and pigs that causes high mortality among the animals it infects.

This disease is occasioning very serious damage, because farmers are often forced to kill sick animals in order to stop other animals getting infected, thereby causing a substantial reduction in the numbers of animals on livestock farms and, consequently, in the food products derived from them.

Given that the areas affected by the infection are located at the centre of the Italian and European agri-food market (around 80 % of the Italian pig population is located in the Po Valley), and since this disease has disastrous financial and commercial consequences, both for livestock farmers and for the market, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. How does it intend to support the Italian pig farming industry in this context?
2. What action does it plan to take to prevent that industry suffering further financial losses?

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