

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3391/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Swine fever

Council Directive 2001/89/EC¹ of 23 October 2001 on Community measures for the control of classical swine fever seeks to ensure sufficient preparedness with a view to dealing effectively with emergency situations.

Essentially, this directive lays down strict criteria for the monitoring or, where relevant, elimination of an outbreak of swine fever in a Member State. However, it contains no references or instructions regarding an outbreak in another continent such as the present case.

Is the Commission considering the possibility of introducing into the Association Agreement with Mexico, and similar agreements with other countries, clauses on dealing with swine fever?

What protection mechanisms does the Commission propose against the contamination of European citizens in other parts of the globe?

¹ OJ L 316, 1.12.2001, p. 5.

