

**Priority question for written answer P-002685/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ukrainian grain exports

The EU temporarily suspended import duties and trade defence measures for Ukrainian imports with the Autonomous Trade Measures Regulation¹. Initiated on 4 June 2022 and renewed for another year on 5 June 2023², this instrument greatly aids Ukraine's economy, supporting Ukrainian producers and exporters during challenging times.

The EU brought in restrictions in May 2023, allowing Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia to prohibit domestic sales of certain Ukrainian agricultural products. However, after the Commission decided, on 15 September 2023, not to continue these restrictions, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary independently introduced their own restrictions on Ukrainian grain imports.

In light of the recent decision by Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia to unilaterally impose their own bans on Ukrainian grain imports, following the Commission's choice to not renew its restrictive measure, how does the Commission plan to address the divergence in trade practices among these Member States and ensure that all Member States adhere to the Autonomous Trade Measures Regulation within the EU?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/870 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2022 on temporary trade-liberalisation measures supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part (OJ L 152, 3.6.2022, p. 103).

² Regulation (EU) 2023/1077 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on temporary trade-liberalisation measures supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part (OJ L 144, 5.6.2023, p. 1).