

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures against market disturbance in the veal sector

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, veal prices in the EU have dropped steeply. While the Commission has taken market intervention measures and exceptional measures for e.g. dairy, wine, beef and lamb, measures for veal are still urgently needed.

- 1 Does the Commission acknowledge the significant disturbance in the veal market, as shown by the continuously low prices and reported initial PSA drafts?
- 2 Given the low uptake of PSA for beef and lamb, would the Commission agree the measures need better targeting to urgent needs in sectors, as the budget foreseen remains available?

Where market intervention measures prove to be insufficient¹, Article 219(1) of Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 offers a legal base for exceptional measures, which may also extend or modify the scope of other measures provided for under the regulation, such as opening temporary exceptional private storage aid schemes covering products beyond the scope of Article 17. Example of a private storage aid scheme with extended scope beyond Article 17 can be found in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1852.

3. Is the Commission willing to swiftly open an exceptional private storage aid scheme for veal based on Article 219(1), thereby including meat of bovine animals under 8 months?

¹ I.e. the scope of Article 17(d) is limited to meat of bovine animals aged 8 months or more