

**Question for written answer E-002498/2024**

**to the Commission**

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Subject: (Re-)Categorisation of sheep wool as a renewable raw material

Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 and Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 classify sheep wool as a Category 3 material, putting it in the same category as other animal by-products not intended for human consumption, such as animal blood, raw cow's milk, or carcasses. This leads to very high requirements regarding its collection, transport and storage. Furthermore, the omission of sheep wool from the list of agricultural products in Annex 1 to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union makes it impossible to use EU funds for wool products.

1. Does the Commission plan to revise the categorisation of sheep wool during this legislative term?
2. Is the Commission aware of the negative consequences that the placement of sheep wool in Category 3 has on its potential commercialisation?
3. Is the Commission willing to consider adding sheep wool to the list of agricultural products in Annex 1 to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union during this legislative term, and if not, why not?

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