

**Priority question for written answer P-001641/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Asger Christensen (Renew)

Subject: NUTS 2 values and UDB

Under Directive (EU) 2018/2001, biofuel emissions are calculated as the sum of emissions from cultivation of raw materials, emissions from production and emissions from transport.

Raw material cultivation accounts for by far the largest share of emissions. Emissions from cultivation are calculated by Member States for each administrative region within their territory (NUTS 2).

New EU provisions mean that all Member States' previous NUTS 2 reports have been unusable since 1 January 2024, when new rules for calculating emissions came into force.

Denmark submitted its report for approval in 2023. There has been ongoing contact with the Commission about changes, but final approval has still not been given.

Slow administrative processing means a huge loss for the Danish rapeseed harvest in 2024 and thus a considerable loss for Danish agriculture and ancillary firms.

1. Will the Commission say what the approval status is with regard to Denmark's report?
2. Can the Commission give an assurance that it has done everything in its power to ensure approval of the report in a timely manner?
3. Will the Commission look into the possibility of provisional approval so that the 2024 harvest can be saved?

Submitted: 6.9.2024