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to the Commission**

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Subject: Raw materials and legislative reciprocity

European forest-based industry is being hard hit by the proliferation of new biomass power plants, which are affecting the quantities of virgin wood and recyclable material available.

Furthermore, the Commission has set out resource efficiency strategies and, as regards the wood sector, possible ways to increase supply.

Two final points to note are the raw material shortage and the structural deficit in wood that might occur within the next few years.

In the light of the foregoing, can the Commission say how it will even out the competitive disadvantage resulting from the German Government's adoption of the fundamental reform of Germany's Renewable Energy Act and the amendments to other energy market rules, as provided for in the law of 21 July 2014 (BGBl I, page 1066), which was published on 24 July 2014 in the federal law gazette (*Bundesgesetzblatt* 2014, part I, No 33) and entered into force on 1 August 2014?

What will it do to encourage a European strategy?