Question for written answer E-004535/2017 to the Commission Rule 130

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Subject: Drawing up a strict definition of 'used cooking oil' as a permitted feedstock for advanced

agrofuels

In its proposed recast of the directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, the Commission sets out an obligation for fuel suppliers to 'include a minimum share of energy from advanced [transport] biofuels and other biofuels and biogas [intended for use in transport] produced from feedstock listed in Annex IX'. However, in part B of Annex IX it adds a further feedstock, 'Used cooking oil'.

1. Is there any definition of the 'used cooking oil' in question?

2. Has the Commission taken into account that the failure to provide a more exact definition in the proposal for a directive might create a legal loophole? If so, how will it avert the risk that the catch-all term 'used cooking oil' might be taken to include feedstocks which are otherwise treated as less advanced agrofuels and therefore not supported so strongly within the legislative framework?

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