

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3938/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Use of surveying firms, contracted by the public authorities, to measure plot areas in connection with participation in EU set-aside schemes

When farmers take part in EU set-aside schemes, the need to measure plots arises when the area of land in respect of which set-aside funding has been requested is not identical with the area on the plans held by the land register.

This prompts the following questions, which concern surveying firms contracted by the public authorities in Germany:

Are there laws stipulating how proof should be provided that the correct area of land has been set aside?

In the case outlined above, is the applicant required to have the plot of land in question measured?

In the case outlined above, who can or must be given the task of measuring the plot in question?