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to the Commission**

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Subject: The origin of meat in the European Union

The European Union has been rocked by a food scandal in recent days which has greatly unsettled European consumers. Consumer awareness is of utmost importance in this respect. However, the new European Commission draft which addresses this issue has faced criticism. The issue at hand is the origin of meat, about which consumers should be clearly and precisely informed. Yet the new system, laying down rules which should clearly and precisely determine the origin of meat, has its shortcomings.

What stand will the Commission take regarding the criticism, with which the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety concurs, that the new rules for determining the origin of meat are unclear and misleading for consumers?