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Subject: Call for balance with regard to biosecurity in European agri-food production

The Farm to Fork Strategy was designed to bring about major changes to the existing European agri-food system. Current production practices have succeeded over time in providing a European agri-food system that is sustainable in terms of supply, in both the crop-farming and the livestock sectors. Specifically, by providing for the constant monitoring of farming conditions, the system has provided high levels of biosecurity in intensive livestock farming that protect animals and, consequently, human health. Other systems, such as free-range, wild or semi-wild farming, where pathological and zoonotic events are clearly a frequent risk, would not be able to guarantee the same levels.

In view of the above:

Does the Commission intend to strike a balance with regard to biosecurity in the European agri-food production chain, not least with a view to overall consumer safety?

Does it intend to provide an assessment that takes account of agronomic production practices, particularly for widely consumed products such as wine and meat, and that is not based solely on the assessment of the finished product?