Question for written answer E-001087/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Actual percentage of farms covered by the new Industrial Emissions Directive [IED]

On 5 April 2022, the Commission announced a legislative proposal COM(2022)0156 to amend Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (IED). The stated objective of the new legislative proposal is to extend the material scope of the IED, thus obliging farms to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and it is to cover 18% of pig farms, 15% of poultry farms and 10% of cattle farms. This would bring 13% of commercial farms within the scope of the Directive.

However, agricultural organisations indicate that the IED could cover a much larger share of farms: up to 61% of pig farms, 58% of poultry farms and 12.5% of cattle farms. This would represent as much as 20% of all livestock farms. They point out that the Commission is relying on data from 2016, while more recent data from 2020 shows that the number of farms covered by IEDs will be much higher.

In this connection:

- 1. What data was the Commission relying on when it estimated that 18% of pig farms, 15% of poultry farms and 10% of cattle farms would be covered by the amended IED?
- 2. According to the latest data, what percentage of farms will be covered by the amended IED?

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