Question for written answer E-001835/2023 to the Commission Rule 138 Seán Kelly (PPE)

Subject: Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes

In implementation of Regulation (EU) 2020/2220¹, which lays down certain transitional provisions for support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund, Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS) provide funding for capital investments on farms in Ireland.

The EU and the national exchequer in Ireland jointly fund the schemes. The TAMS II programme has provided some EUR 1.2 million in grant aid for solar investments, with payments still to be issued to applicants that have not yet completed works and submitted payment claims.

- 1. As a contributor to the programme, what requirements does the Commission apply to projects (e.g. photovoltaic installations) in the Member States, such as those in receipt of a TAMS grant?
- 2. How does the Commission establish compliance in regard to inspections to ensure that facilities are installed correctly and safely and that they are fit for purpose for use by the applicant?

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Regulation (EU) 2020/2220 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 laying down certain transitional provisions for support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) in the years 2021 and 2022 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards resources and application in the years 2021 and 2022 and Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards resources and the distribution of such support in respect of the years 2021 and 2022 (OJ L 437, 28.12.2020, p. 1).