

ORAL QUESTION H-0334/01

for Question Time at the part-session in May 2001

pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject:           Classification of bark, woodchips and sawdust for combustion

Residual products from sawmills and forest industries in the form of bark, woodchips and sawdust are a valued form of biofuel and energy raw material both within industry and for domestic heating. They are also recycled as high-quality fibre raw material. According to EU classification, however, such residual products constitute waste, which results in unnecessary complications such as authorisation for transport and storage facilities. The use of such biofuel is being impeded rather than encouraged. Is the Commission prepared to take steps to alter the classification of bark, woodchips and sawdust when used as fibre raw material, biofuel or energy raw material?

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