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Subject: EGF and Russian embargo

The consequences of the Russian embargo on all EU food exports are already being felt in many Member States, especially in those which export a very high proportion of their production to Russia. Some measures have already been taken to alleviate the situation in sectors such as the fruit and vegetables sector.

However, a significant number of workers in downstream industries are being made redundant, with some of the worst hit sectors being food/dairy processing, transport and logistics. Some EU governments are examining the possibility of applying for financial support from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF).

Could the Commission clarify whether redundant workers in these countries can be helped through the EGF, and which criteria could be applied to them?

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