

**Priority question for written answer P-002264/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: NUTS 2 values used for the greenhouse gas values of crop-based biofuels

The NUTS¹ 2 values used for the greenhouse gas values of crop-based biofuels, which were previously available on the Commission website, have been removed without any warning or communication from the Commission to the Member States, voluntary schemes or economic operators. This has generated substantial uncertainty in the market and triggered numerous requests to the Commission for clarification, which have gone unanswered. In the absence of such a clarification, there is a risk of economic operators putting sales of biofuels using crops harvested in the EU on hold because the related contracts often use those default values. The impact of this could be felt particularly keenly owing to the beginning of the harvest period for certain crops.

1. Given the removal of the NUTS 2 values, are voluntary schemes no longer able to use them in their certification activity?
2. Does this mean that a process to formally review the NUTS 2 values has started?
3. Until this potential review process has been concluded and new NUTS 2 values have been published by the Commission via an implementing act, will there be a transition period in which the current values can be used by voluntary schemes?

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¹ *Nomenclature statistique commune des unités territoriales* (nomenclature of territorial units for statistics).