

**Priority question for written answer P-000664/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: GAEC derogations, in particular regarding GAEC8 (EU) 2024/587

At the Agriculture and Fisheries (AGRIFISH) Council meeting on 20 November 2023 Commissioner Wojciechowski argued that further derogations from GAEC8 (good agricultural and environmental conditions of land standard 8) may not be in the interest of farmers, including 'prices' for farmers. In Implementing Regulation 2024/587¹, the Commission reports that 'an important number of extreme meteorological events ... affect output and revenue' and claims that application of GAEC8 in 'certain cases can have a significant short-term impact on their revenue and put at risk the viability of their activities'.

1. What evidence does the Commission have that the derogation will improve the livelihoods of farmers, and in what way does the derogation address the issue of extreme meteorological events affecting outputs, with these being extremely likely to be repeated in the future?
2. Do the various GAEC derogations granted thus far threaten the compliance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115² Article 6(1)(f), and in the light of Regulation (EU) 2024/587 Article 3(1), why has the Commission chosen to waive its scrutiny power and how can it ensure that the Union budget spent under the CAP Strategic Plans actually contributes to the achievement of the specific objective referred to in Article 6(1)(f) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115?
3. What impact do have the various GAEC derogations granted thus far have on biodiversity spending under the current multiannual financial framework?

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¹ OJ L, 2024/587, 13.02.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2024/587/oj.

² OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 1.