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Subject: Recognition of organic sugar produced in Guadeloupe

Guadeloupe, one of the EU's outermost regions, is actively developing a sustainable and environmentally friendly farming industry. The Gardel factory, a key operator in the cane sugar sector, produces high-quality organic sugar. The sugar is manufactured using an additive identical to one used in Brazil, whose organic sugar is recognised and accepted in the EU.

This state of affairs creates a gross imbalance between an EU producer and a non-EU producer, to the detriment of the competitiveness of our outermost regions. It hampers the development of local agri-food chains and undermines Guadeloupe's efforts to bolster its food and economic autonomy.

1. In that connection, can the Commission explain why organic sugar produced in Guadeloupe with the same additive as that used in Brazil is not recognised in the EU?

2. What specific steps can it take to provide for fair recognition of European organic products, particularly those from the outermost regions, and to address those disparities?

3. Lastly, what measures will be taken to support Guadeloupe's organic cane sugar sector in the light of this unfair competition?

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