

Question for written answer E-002168/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Use of slurry solids as bedding in dairy stalls

A fundamental objective of our EU agriculture is to become more sustainable and also more efficient. Our farmers work innovatively and in line with the latest standards. One of these methods is slurry separation. By separating slurry, nutrients can be deployed even more precisely and efficiently, while the solids can also be used in a variety of sustainable ways. One possible use of solids is as bedding in dairy stalls. However, Regulations (EC) No 1069/2009 and (EU) No 142/2011 do not, as of yet, explicitly provide for the use of slurry or slurry products, such as slurry solids, as bedding in dairy stalls.

1. Do the above-mentioned regulations provide for the possibility of applying for a derogation for the use of slurry and slurry products such as slurry solids as bedding in dairy stalls?
2. Is the Commission aware of Member States where slurry and slurry products, such as slurry solids, are used as bedding in dairy stalls?
3. Does the Commission intend to amend the above-mentioned regulations in order to allow, in principle and explicitly, the use of slurry and slurry products, such as slurry solids, as bedding in dairy stalls?

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