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to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Exclusion of producers from the application of Measure 23 and critical liquidity support, with serious financial and operational consequences

Farmers who suffered documented losses exceeding 30 % of their production, but were nevertheless excluded from Measure 23, face serious and immediate financial and operational consequences. The purpose of the measure was to alleviate ‘liquidity difficulties’ and mitigate ‘income reduction’ caused by natural disasters. Without access to this emergency support, farmers are forced to shoulder the burden of significant production losses. This precarious situation can lead to a chain of negative consequences, including increased debt, reduced capacity to invest and, in extreme cases, the forced cessation of their agricultural activities.

The fact that severely affected farmers, such as the pistachio producers of Phthiotis, are excluded from critical liquidity support does not simply represent a missed opportunity for individual assistance, but directly exacerbates their pre-existing financial vulnerability.

When a programme explicitly designed to function as a safety net demonstrably fails to reach a significant proportion of its intended beneficiaries, it inevitably creates deep disappointment and distrust.

Repeated failures to provide the promised and necessary assistance erode trust and highlight the Government’s inability to respond effectively to crisis management, which hinders the development and implementation of long-term climate change adaptation and agricultural sustainability strategies.

Can the Commission respond to the following:

1. Why were areas and crops excluded from the implementation of the Measure?

2. Can it be amended?

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