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to the Commission
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Subject: Ensuring a variety of raw materials in EU feed industry

According to feed industry sources, during the regular update of the EU Catalogue of feed materials under Regulation (EU) No 68/2013, as well as the clean-up of the EU Feed Materials Register, an increasing number of entries are being reviewed and deleted. It seems that plant products that have until now been used as animal feed materials – such as liquorice, biochar, roots and herbs – are also affected.

There is concern within the EU feed industry that this will limit the range of feed feedstocks available. This could have a negative effect on product variety, the development of new nutritional approaches and the competitiveness of EU companies.

1. What criteria form the basis for the review and potential removal of existing feed materials from the EU Catalogue and for the clean-up of the EU Feed Materials Register, particularly where these products are not intended as feed additives?

2. What regulatory goal is the Commission pursuing by deleting these products from the EU Catalogue or the EU Register, and what legal or regulatory pathway does it envisage for such products, so that they can continue to be available as feed feedstocks to the feed industry, without triggering disproportionate authorisation procedures?

3. What does it see as the potential implications of this development for innovation, product variety and the competitiveness of the EU feed industry?

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