

Question for written answer E-003934/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Distortion of competition with EU agricultural aid being given to Swiss farmers with no EU base

An increasingly worrying trend is being seen at the German-Swiss border in Baden-Württemberg. Swiss farmers are farming agricultural land in Germany from their place of business in Switzerland, and, for these areas located in the EU, they receive direct EU funding, even though their actual farmsteads, stables and central operating facilities are located in a non-EU country. This creates serious problems in enforcing EU standards and puts the financial interests of the Union at risk.

1. What does the Commission make of this unequal treatment at the EU's external borders?
2. Does it agree that the fact that it is impossible to conduct on-the-spot checks at the Swiss farmsteads or enforce any recovery claims in a third country is contrary to Article 59 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 on the protection of the financial interests of the Union?
3. What measures will it take to ensure that in future EU agricultural aid to third-country nationals is conditional upon them having a place of business (branch) within the EU that is fully subject to inspection and sanctions?

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