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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission thanks the Honourable Member for drawing its attention to a potential infringement of EU Single Market principles linked to the implementation of the French EGalim law in the context of collective catering requirements due to a High Environmental Value (HVE3) and to a potential restriction of market access for non-French producers by failing to provide a mechanism for recognising equivalent foreign certifications.

The Commission will look into the matter and determine whether any further steps are needed, given the potential impact on the Single Market. This assessment may include engaging with the French authorities to examine, if relevant, the objectives pursued by the measure and the possibility of establishing in this context an equivalence mechanism for HVE3 certification, with a view to ensuring that non-French producers can continue to participate in the French collective catering market beyond 2026 in full compliance with EU law.