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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The exceptional temporary support to farmers, forest holders and small and medium-sized enterprises particularly affected by natural disasters (Measure 23) provided in accordance with Article 6a of Regulation (EU) 2020/2220¹ has to be paid by 31 December 2025, based on applications for support approved by the competent authority by 30 June 2025 (paragraph 5 of Article 6a). It is therefore not possible to change the targeting of the support or approve new applications for support now.

Paragraph 4 of Article 6a requires that the Member States target the support to beneficiaries who are most affected by natural disasters, by determining eligibility conditions on the basis of available evidence. The targeting of the support in Greece and its justification has been included in the Greek Rural Development Programme and approved by the Commission. As different types of natural disasters have occurred in the Member States, and as the structure and characteristics of the agricultural sector vary between the Member States, the groups of beneficiaries who are most affected by natural disasters may vary between the Member States.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2020/2220 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 laying down certain transitional provisions for support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) in the years 2021 and 2022 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards resources and application in the years 2021 and 2022 and Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards resources and the distribution of such support in respect of the years 2021 and 2022.