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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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When planning the exceptional temporary support to farmers, forest holders and Small and Medium Enterprises, particularly affected by natural disasters, provided in accordance with Article 6a of Regulation (EU) 2020/2220¹ (so called Measure 23) the Member States were required to target the support to beneficiaries who were most affected by natural disasters, by determining eligibility conditions on the basis of available evidence (paragraph 4 of that Article). This was to ensure that the support would be for the benefit of the farmers who had suffered the most, also taking into account the limited available resources. The targeting of the support and its justification has been included in the relevant Rural Development Programme (RDP) and approved by the Commission. As different types of natural disasters have occurred across Europe, and as the structure and characteristics of the agricultural sector vary between the Member States, the groups of beneficiaries who were most affected by natural disasters, identified by the Member States as recipients of the aid granted under Measure 23, may vary as well.

As laid down in paragraph 5 of Article 6a, the support has to be paid by 31 December 2025, based on applications for support approved by the competent authority by 30 June 2025. It is therefore not possible to change the targeting of the support or approve new applications for support now.

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.