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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Aid measures that fulfil the conditions of the Commission regulation (EU) 1408/2013 ('Agricultural de minimis regulation')¹ are deemed not to meet all the criteria in Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and are therefore exempt from notification to the Commission. Therefore, the Commission would not have received information in relation to a joint ministerial decision adopted to grant *de minimis* aid to farmers whose crops were affected by debris.
2. Funding that fulfils the requirements of the Agricultural de minimis regulation (see Article 3(2) and (3) of that regulation) is within the discretion of the Member States.
3. Farmers who suffered officially recorded damage and have restored and re-cultivated their flooded fields at their own expense, are not excluded from receiving aid. These farmers can receive support under the Agricultural de minimis regulation, under conditions to be determined by national authorities, provided they respect the relevant provisions and general principles of EU law. There is also a possibility, at the discretion of the Member State, to grant aid to farmers who suffered officially recorded damage under Regulation (EU) 2022/2472 (Article 37)² or the Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas³.

¹ Commission regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector, as amended (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 9).

² Commission regulation (EU) 2022/2472 of 14 December 2022 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ L 327 21.12.2022, p. 1).

³ Communication from the Commission Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas 2022/C 485/01, C/2022/9120, OJ C 485, 21.12.2022, p. 1–90, as amended by Communication from the Commission correcting the Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas, C/2024/1902, OJ C 1902, 5.3.2024.