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Answer given by Mr Hansen  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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1. As announced in the Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting on 26 January 2026, the Commission is considering suspending the use of inward processing in the sugar sector. The internal preparatory work is under way. The Commission's decision will be based on the assessment of the impact of sugar imports under the inward processing procedure on the sugar market.

2. In line with Article 195 of Regulation 1308/2013<sup>1</sup>, such suspension must be aimed at addressing a market disturbance stemming from imports under these arrangements. In parallel, the Commission is discussing an update to the guidance for custom authorities on the use of inward processing for sugar with the aim to provide accurate recommendations on the implementation of the procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p 671 ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1308/oj>).