

Dear COMP- CEEAG team,

The German Association of the Fruit, Vegetable and Potato Processing Industry (BOGK) represents the sixth largest branch of the German food industry.

We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to participate in the consultation process for the Guidelines on State Aid for Climate, Environmental Protection and Energy 2022.

The potato processing industry, which is element of Annex 5 of the current guidelines, is no longer part of the 2022 draft and would therefore fall outside the scope.

Potato processing is energy intensive. Deleting the sector from the guidelines would be a clear competitive disadvantage for our industry and could lead to the loss of jobs and the relocation of companies.

Considering the investments that will be needed from all sectors to support the transition to climate neutrality, the Commission should remain inclusive and leave no one behind.

We therefore advocate the reintroduction of the potato processing sector into the new guidelines.

Kind regards,

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