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Subject: Request for additional information related to the Open Call for Tender "Inventory of certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs marketed in the EU Member States". Tender N° AGRI-2009-EVAL-01

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the answer of the European Commission to the question raised by a potential tenderer.

In view of improving the quality of the tenders and to ensure that all additional information is evenly distributed amongst the participants in the tendering process, this letter will be made available to all interested parties.

QUESTION:

With reference to Tender AGRI-2009-EVAL-01 "Inventory of certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs marketed in the EU Member States", we would like to know whether **European Union Quality Systems (PDO, PGI, TSG)** have to be considered as **INCLUDED IN** or **EXCLUDED FROM the scope of the study** (the latter was indeed the case with the "Structured inventory of existing food quality assurance schemes within the EU-25" compiled for DG JRC-IPTS http://foodqualityschemes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/documents/Cover_report_inventory.pdf)

ANSWER:

They should be **excluded** from the scope of this study.

Please note that all the information, questions or observations of all nature which are in this note, do not engage the Commission in any way. Such engagement may only occur after the completion of the corresponding market procedure, by signature of the contract.

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