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**Subject: Request for additional information related to an Open Call for Tender
"Framework contract for the evaluation of CAP measures applied to the
starch, sugar and cotton sectors" – AGRI-2009-L4-03**

Dear Madam, 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:

Would you be so kind as to provide us with further insight to the thematic scope.

Do CAP measures applied to the starch sector encompass any type of starch, or is it limited to potato starch?

ANSWER:

With respect to the thematic scope please refer to the second paragraph of section 1.2 of the Tender Specification (page 3) where it is laid down "Services to be carried out in the context of this framework contract have the objective of evaluating the impacts of the CAP measures directed towards the sectors of starch, sugar and cotton", and to the second paragraph of section 2.1.1 where it is stated: "The focus of the evaluation projects will be on decoupled and/or coupled direct payments. Whereas it lies in the very nature of decoupled payments that they cannot be attributed to certain sectors, the evaluation projects will, nevertheless, have a sectoral perspective in order to capture the impact of the transition from coupled to decoupled support as well as the impact of maintaining coupled support. Moreover, analysing those impacts must take into account other important drivers, including other CAP measures targeted at the sectors concerned."

Furthermore, the wording of the evaluation questions for the study simulation is not limited only to potato starch.

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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