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Dear Honourable Members,

Thank you for your letter to Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, Commissioner Adina Vălean and myself concerning the Decision of the European Ombudsman in case 1527/2020/DL.

Ensuring sustainability of biofuels and other forms of bioenergy is a priority of this Commission and preventing fraud in certification is essential to ensure sustainability. The risk of false claims regarding the origin of used cooking oil represents a particular concern in this regard.

The Commission is taking measures to address such risks including the further improvement of rules applying for sustainability certification as well as the development of a Union database that is centrally tracing the movement of biofuels, which will greatly improve the transparency of the biofuels market.

Against this background, I would like to emphasise that the Commission is fully transparent on the data in its possession on used cooking oil. As concerns the complaint, the Commission was not in a possession of any documents that met the description of the complainant.

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Nevertheless, I understand the interest in the matter and the need to have an overview about the use of used cooking oil as a biofuel feedstock. The Commission already published a report on the operation of the voluntary schemes, which included data on the origin of used cooking oil that is used for the production of biofuels<sup>1</sup> but this data is now outdated. My services will therefore update this information and will make it available on the Commission website covering the voluntary schemes<sup>2</sup>.

I thank you for your constructive input and welcome your continued engagement on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/86eb1ce8-11b5-11eb-9a54-01aa75ed71a1>

<sup>2</sup> [https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/renewable-energy/bioenergy/voluntary-schemes\\_en](https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/renewable-energy/bioenergy/voluntary-schemes_en)