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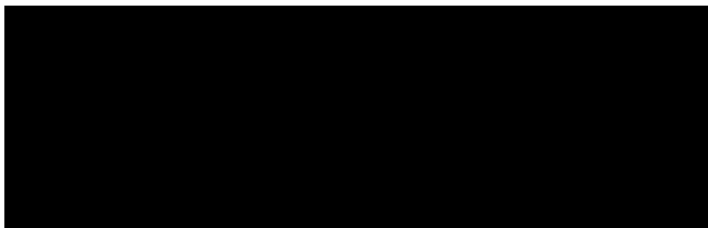
Thank you for your e-mail of 28 May 2025 in which you ask a question of interpretation of Article 47 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 ⁽¹⁾, on specific rules on sourcing of feed and of raw materials, asking whether it is mandatory for the feed manufacturing facility (compound feed plant) to be located within the defined geographical area of the product designated under a protected designation of origin (PDO), or is it sufficient that the feed originate from that area regardless the location of the manufacturing facility.

Indeed, the Regulation does not explicitly state that a feed facility which produces or processes feed to be used in the production of a PDO product must be located in the defined geographical area.

However, the principle established in Article 46(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143, that all the production steps of a PDO product must take place within the defined geographical area, is to be fully applied to the production of feed destined to the production of PDO products. Production of feed for animals to be used for the production of a PDO product is a production step of the PDO product. All the steps related to the production of the feed, and not only the origin of it, are to be taken into account when applying Article 46(1)(c).

Article 47(1) of the Regulation reads: *In respect of a product of animal origin, the name of which is registered as a designation of origin, feed shall be sourced entirely from within the defined geographical area.* Sourced here does not refer only to the location of the 'material' but also the actions necessary to obtain it.

⁽¹⁾ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1143/oj>



Therefore, the production of feed for animals to be used for the production of a PDO product is to be considered as a step of production (of the raw material) of the related final animal product designated by the PDO and, consequently, it must take place within the PDO geographical area.

The present opinion is provided on the basis of the facts as set out in your e-mail of 28 May 2025 and expresses the view of the Commission services and does not commit the European Commission. In the event of a dispute involving Union law it is, under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, ultimately for the European Court of Justice to provide a definitive interpretation of the applicable Union law.

Yours sincerely,

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