Dear [Name],

I am replying to your letter to Mr Satunas, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Sinkevicius, relating to your concerns in the recycling of waste products for animal feed, in the context of the policy initiatives on the Integrated Nutrient Management action plan and the product Environmental Footprint.

The upcoming policy initiative on integrated nutrient management will aim at promoting an integrated approach on nutrients to reach the target set by the EU Green Deal to reduce nutrient losses by at least 50%, while ensuring that there is no deterioration in soil fertility. This will be achieved by implementing and enforcing the relevant environmental and climate legislation in full, by identifying with Member States the nutrient load reductions needed to achieve these goals, applying balanced fertilisation and sustainable nutrient management and by managing nitrogen and phosphorus better throughout their lifecycle.

As regards the use of recycled waste product for animal feed, please find some more information in the Commission Guidelines for the feed use of food no longer intended for human consumption\(^\text{a}\). The use of waste in feed for farmed animals is very restricted to prevent spread of certain serious transmissible diseases or contaminates through the feed chain.

Concerning the initiative on the product environmental footprint, the Commission appreciates your support and active participation in the development and upcoming revision of the Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) for Feed for Food-Producing Animals. The EF3.1 datasets has been recently released enabling much anticipated update.

Yours faithfully,

\(^{a}\) Guidelines for the feed use of food no longer intended for human consumption (C/2018/2035) (OJ C 133, 16.4.2018, p. 2)

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