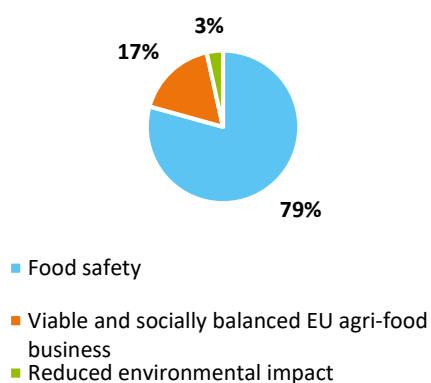## A.4 Policy cards by instrument

A4.1 Policy instrument: Border measure

The increasing number of outbreaks of **transboundary pests and diseases of plants and animals** is posing alarming threats to both human and nature, therefore to food and nutrition security and the environment as a whole. Being the EU a major trader of food and feed, their hygiene and status are subject to strict **import, transit and export rules** in the form of border measures to ensure that all imports fulfill the same high standards as products from the Union.

Most of the mapped border policies address the **food safety** policy goal (79%), while the remaining share deals with market-oriented issues concerning the safety of plant seeds and animal food products (20%).

3%
17%
79%

■ Food safety

■ Viable and socially balanced EU agri-food business
■ Reduced environmental impact

*As **climate change** is partly responsible for the changing distribution of animal and plant pests and diseases, and thus for the transboundary threats resulting in food chain emergencies, how could border measures have a stronger focus on **reducing the environmental impacts** of the increasing movements of people, animals, plants and agricultural products?*

Proportion of mapped policies using border measures by PRIMARY TARGET

3% 3%

■ Import/export companies

■ Public authorities

■ Food industry

93%

Import and export companies are the most addressed players when border measures are enforced (93%).

The growing global nature of food trade have broadened the **access to ethnic cuisines** and the **availability of exotic ingredients**, which have led to an increased demand for new food products. Not only does this trend pose **food safety issues** associated with products' transport across national borders, but it also raises socio-economic **equity issues** in third countries producing the food imported in the Union (e.g., depletion of local natural resources, increase in prices, homogenization of diets and biodiversity losses).

*Should border measures be designed to guarantee that the food entering the EU has been produced following certain **equity and fair trade standards**?*