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# PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION ON THE OPENING OF, AND MANDATE FOR, INTERINSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

pursuant to Rule 70(2) and Rule 70a of the Rules of Procedure

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)

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## Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (\*)

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Proposal for a European Parliament decision on the opening of, and mandate for, interinstitutional negotiations on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development,
- having regard to Rules 70(2) and 70a of its Rules of Procedure,
- whereas the financial envelope specified in the legislative proposal is only an indication to the legislative authority and cannot be fixed until agreement is reached on the proposal for a regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020,

decides to open interinstitutional negotiations on the basis of the following mandate:

#### **MANDATE**

### Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation Citation 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Having regard to the opinion of the Court of Auditors<sup>1</sup>,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ C ... / Not yet published in the Official Journal.

# Proposal for a regulation Citation 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions<sup>1</sup>,

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 225, 27.7.2012

Or en

#### Amendment 3

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on 'The CAP towards 2020: Meeting the food, natural resources and territorial challenges of the future' sets out potential challenges, objectives and orientations for the Common agricultural Policy (CAP) after 2013. In the light of the debate on that Communication, the CAP should be reformed with effect from 1 January 2014. That reform should cover all the main instruments of the CAP, including Council Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799] of [...] establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation). In view of the scope of the reform, it is appropriate to repeal Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799] and to replace it with a new Single CMO Regulation. The reform should also, as far

### Amendment

(1) The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on 'The CAP towards 2020: Meeting the food, natural resources and territorial challenges of the future' sets out potential challenges, objectives and orientations for the Common agricultural Policy (CAP) after 2013. In the light of the debate on that Communication, the CAP should be reformed with effect from 1 January 2014. That reform should cover all the main instruments of the CAP, including Council Regulation (EC) ) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation). In view of the scope of the reform, it is appropriate to repeal Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 and to replace it with a new Single CMO Regulation. The reform should also, as far as possible, harmonise, streamline and

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simplify the provisions, particularly those covering more than one agricultural sector, including by ensuring that non-essential elements of measures may be adopted by the Commission by way of delegated acts. Moreover, the reform shall continue in the direction of previous reforms towards greater competitiveness and market orientation.

Or. en

#### Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) The implementation of this Regulation should be consistent with the development cooperation objectives of the Union's Policy Framework for Food Security (COM (2010) 127) with specific regard to ensure that CAP measures do not jeopardise the food production capacity and long term food security in developing countries and the ability of their populations to feed themselves, while complying with the objectives of the Union's development cooperation policy under Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) One key aim of the common

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agricultural policy should be to guarantee food security and food sovereignty in the Member States, implying a need, as regards production, for regulation and distribution systems that allow countries and regions to develop their production in a manner that enables them, as far as possible, to meet their needs. In addition, it is of vital importance to redress the balance of power within the food production chain in favour of producers.

Or. en

### Amendment 6

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

### Amendment

(2) In order to ensure the proper functioning of the regime established by this Regulation, the power to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission to enable it to supplement or modify certain non-essential elements of the present Regulation. The elements for which that power may be exercised should be defined, as well as the conditions to which that delegation is to be subject. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) Pursuant to Article 43(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (the Treaty), the Council shall adopt measures on fixing prices, levies, aid and quantitative limitations. In the interest of clarity, where Article 43(3) of the Treaty applies, this Regulation should explicitly refer to the fact that measures will be adopted by the Council on that basis.

deleted

Or. en

### **Amendment 8**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) This Regulation should contain all the basic elements of the Single CMO. The fixing of prices, levies, aid and quantitative limitations is *in certain cases* inextricably linked to those basic elements.

## Amendment

(4) This Regulation should contain all the basic elements of the Single CMO. The fixing of prices, levies, aid and quantitative limitations is, *as a general rule*, inextricably linked to those basic elements.

Or. en

### Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Account should be taken of the objectives set out by the European Commission for the future Common

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Agricultural Policy in the area of the sustainable management of natural resources, food security, agricultural activity across Europe, balanced regional development, the competitiveness of European farming and the simplification of the CAP.

Or. en

#### Amendment 10

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

### Amendment

(5b) It is especially important for farmers that the administrative rules for implementing the Common Agricultural Policy are simplified, without this resulting in an excessive standardisation of the criteria that fails to take specific local and regional features into account.

Or. en

### **Amendment 11**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) This Regulation and other acts adopted under Article 43 to the Treaty refer to the description of products and references to the headings or subheadings of the combined nomenclature. Amendments to the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature may necessitate consequential technical adjustments to such Regulations. The Commission should be able to adopt implementing measures to make such

## Amendment

(7) This Regulation *refers* to the description of products and references to the headings or subheadings of the combined nomenclature. Amendments to the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature may necessitate consequential technical adjustments to *this Regulation. The power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission*. In the interests of clarity

adjustments. In the interests of clarity and simplicity, Council Regulation (EC) No 234/79 of 5 February 1979 on the procedure for adjusting the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature used for agricultural products which currently provides for such a power should be repealed and *the power* integrated into the present Regulation.

and simplicity, Council Regulation (EC) No 234/79 of 5 February 1979 on the procedure for adjusting the Common Customs Tariff nomenclature used for agricultural products which currently provides for such a power should be repealed *and a new adjustment procedure should be* integrated into the present Regulation.

Or. fr

#### Amendment 12

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In order to take into account the specificities of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of fixing the marketing years for those products.

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

### **Amendment 13**

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) As an emergency measure, public intervention on the market should be pursued only with the aim of stabilising extreme price volatility due to temporary excess demand on the European market. It should not be used to stabilise structural excess production.

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# Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) For the sake of clarity and transparency, the provisions should be made subject to a common structure, whilst maintaining the policy pursued in each sector. For that purpose it is appropriate to distinguish between reference prices and intervention prices and to define the latter. in particular, clarifying that only intervention prices for public intervention correspond to the applied administered prices referred to in the first sentence of paragraph 8 of Annex 3 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture (i.e. price gap support). *In this context it* should be understood that market intervention can take the form of public intervention as well as other forms of intervention that do not use ex-ante established price indications.

### Amendment

(13) For the sake of clarity and transparency, the provisions should be made subject to a common structure, whilst maintaining the policy pursued in each sector. For that purpose it is appropriate to distinguish between reference prices and intervention prices and to define the latter. in particular, clarifying that only intervention prices for public intervention correspond to the applied administered prices referred to in the first sentence of paragraph 8 of Annex 3 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture (i.e. price gap support). *It* should *also* be understood that market intervention can take the form of public intervention and aid for private storage, as well as other forms of intervention that do not, whether wholly or *in part*, use ex-ante established price indications.

Or. en

### **Amendment 15**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) As appropriate to each sector concerned in the light of the practice and experience under previous CMOs, the system of intervention should be available *during certain periods of the year* and *should be* open *during that period* either

### Amendment

(14) As appropriate to each sector concerned in the light of the practice and experience under previous CMOs, the system of *public* intervention should be available, *whenever there is a manifest need*, and open, either on a permanent

on a permanent basis or *should be opened* depending on market prices.

basis or depending on market prices.

Or. en

### **Amendment 16**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) This Regulation should provide for the possibility of disposal of products bought in public intervention. Such measures should be taken in a way that avoids market disturbances *and that* ensures equal access to goods and equal treatment of purchasers.

### Amendment

(16) This Regulation should provide for the possibility of disposal of products bought in public intervention. Such measures should be taken in a way that avoids market disturbances, ensures equal access to goods and equal treatment of purchasers and enables produce to be made available for the scheme for food distribution to the most deprived in the Union.

Or. en

### **Amendment 17**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

### Amendment

(16a) The Union scales for the classification of carcasses in the beef and veal, pigmeat and sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors are essential for the purposes of price recording and for the application of the intervention arrangements in those sectors. Moreover, they pursue the objective of improving market transparency.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 16 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

(16b) Aid for private storage should achieve its aims of stabilising markets and contributing to a fair standard of living for the agricultural community. It should therefore be triggered not only by indicators linked to market prices, but also in response to particularly difficult market conditions, above all those which have a significant impact on agricultural producers' profit margins.

Or. en

### **Amendment 19**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) In order to standardise the presentation of the different products for the purposes of improving market transparency, price recording and the application of market intervention arrangements in the form of public intervention and private storage, the power to adopt *certain* acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission *in respect of Union scales* for the classification of carcasses in the beef and veal, pigmeat and sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors.

### Amendment

(22) In order to standardise the presentation of the different products for the purposes of improving market transparency, price recording and the application of market intervention arrangements in the form of public intervention and private storage, and in order to take account of the specific features found in the Union and of technical developments and sectoral requirements, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in order to adapt and update the scales used in the Union for the classification of carcasses in the beef and veal, pigmeat and sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23a) In order to strengthen and supplement the existing market management tools and to ensure their smooth operation, an instrument based on private supply management and the coordination of the various operators should be implemented. Through that instrument, recognised associations of producer organisations of an appropriate market size should have the option of withdrawing a product during the marketing year.

Or. en

### **Amendment 21**

Proposal for a regulation Recital 23 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23b) To prevent this instrument having effects contrary to the objectives of the CAP or impairing the smooth operation of the internal market, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty, should be delegated to the Commission in respect of establishing rules on the operation and activation of the instrument. Furthermore, in order to ensure that this instrument is compatible with Union legislation, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty with regard to the rules on its financing should be delegated to the Commission, including the cases where it

# considers it would be appropriate to grant aid for private storage.

Or. en

### **Amendment 22**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) *The* consumption of fruit and vegetables and milk products amongst children should be encouraged, including by durably increasing the share of those products in the diets of children at the stage when their eating habits are being formed. Union aid to finance or co-finance the supply to children in educational establishments *of such products* should therefore be promoted.

### Amendment

(25) In order to promote the healthy eating habits of children, the consumption of fruit and vegetables and milk products amongst children should be encouraged, including by durably increasing the share of those products in the diets of children at the stage when their eating habits are being formed. Union aid to finance or co-finance the supply of such products to children in educational establishments, pre-schools and other establishments offering extracurricular activities should therefore be promoted. These schemes should also contribute to achieving the aims of the CAP, including raising farm incomes, stabilising markets and securing supply, both now and in the future.

Or. en

### **Amendment 23**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) In order to ensure a sound budgetary management of the schemes, appropriate provisions for each one should be established. Union aid should not be used to replace funding for any *national existing* 

#### Amendment

(26) In order to ensure a sound budgetary management of the schemes, appropriate provisions for each one should be established. Union aid should not be used to replace funding for any *existing national* 

school fruit schemes. In the light of budgetary constraints, Member States should nonetheless be able to replace their financial contribution to *the* schemes with contributions from the private sector. In order to make their school fruit scheme effective, Member States should provide for accompanying measures for which Member States should be allowed to grant national aid.

school fruit, vegetable and milk product schemes. In the light of budgetary constraints, Member States should nonetheless be able to replace their financial contribution to any such national school fruit and vegetable schemes with contributions from the private sector. In order to make their school fruit and vegetable scheme effective, Member States should provide for accompanying measures for which Member States should be allowed to grant national aid.

Or. en

#### Amendment 24

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) In order to *promote the healthy eating* habits of children, to ensure the efficient and targeted use of European Funds and to promote awareness of the scheme the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the school fruit scheme concerning: the products that are ineligible for the scheme: the target group of the scheme; the national or regional strategies that Member States must draw up in order to benefit from the aid, including the accompanying measures; the approval and selection of aid applicants; objective criteria for the allocation of aid between Member States, the indicative allocation of aid between Member States and the method for reallocating aid between Member States based on applications received; the costs eligible for aid, including the possibility of fixing an overall ceiling for such costs; and requiring participating Member States to publicise the subsidising role of the

### Amendment

(27) In order to ensure that the scheme is implemented effectively to achieve the objectives set for it, to ensure the efficient and targeted use of European Funds and to promote awareness of the aid scheme, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the school fruit and vegetable scheme concerning: the products that are ineligible for the scheme; the target group of the scheme; the national or regional strategies that Member States must draw up in order to benefit from the aid, including the accompanying measures; the approval and selection of aid applicants; additional criteria *relating to* the indicative allocation of aid and the method for reallocating aid between Member States based on applications received: the costs eligible for aid, including the possibility of fixing an overall ceiling for such costs; monitoring and evaluation; and establishing the conditions under which the Member

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scheme.

States take action to publicise their participation in the aid scheme and draw attention to the subsidising role of the Union.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 25**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) In order to take account of the evolution in the dairy products consumption patterns and of the innovations and developments on the dairy products market, to ensure that the appropriate beneficiaries and applicants qualify for the aid and to promote awareness of the aid scheme, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the school milk scheme concerning: the products that are eligible for the scheme; the national or regional strategies that Member States must draw up in order to benefit from the aid and the target group for the scheme; the conditions for granting aid; the lodging of a security guaranteeing the execution where an advance of aid is paid; monitoring and evaluation; and requiring educational establishments to communicate the subsidising role of the scheme.

### Amendment

(28) In order to ensure the effectiveness of the scheme in achieving the objectives set for it, to ensure that the appropriate beneficiaries and applicants qualify for the aid and to promote awareness of the aid scheme, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the school milk scheme concerning: the products that are eligible for the scheme; the national or regional strategies that Member States are to draw up in order to benefit from the aid and the target group for the scheme; the approval and selection of aid applicants; the conditions for granting aid; the lodging of a security guaranteeing the execution where an advance of aid is paid; monitoring and evaluation; and establishing the conditions under which the Member States take action to publicise their participation in the aid scheme and draw attention to the subsidising role of the *Union*.

Or. en

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Recital 28 a (new)

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(28a) The Commission should consider proposing, schemes designed to promote the consumption of products other than fruit and vegetables and dairy products in schools.

Or. en

#### Amendment 27

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(29) The aid scheme for hop producer organisations is only used in one Member State. In order to create flexibility and to harmonise the approach in this sector with the other sectors, the aid scheme should be discontinued, with the possibility to support the producer organisations under rural development measures.

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Or. en

### **Amendment 28**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

(31) In order to ensure that the aid provided for olive oil and table olive operator organisations meet their objective of improving the production quality of olive oil and table olives and to ensure that olive oil and table olive operator organisations respect their obligations, the

## Amendment

(31) In order to ensure that the aid provided for olive oil and table olive operator organisations meet their objective of improving the production quality of olive oil and table olives and to ensure that olive oil and table olive *producer* organisations *or interbranch organisations* 

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power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission concerning the conditions for the approval of operator organisations for the purposes of the aid scheme, the suspension or withdrawal of such approval; the measures eligible for Union financing; the allocation of Union financing to particular measures; the activities and costs that are not eligible for Union financing; and the selection and approval of work programmes and concerning requiring the lodging of a security.

respect their obligations, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission concerning the conditions for the approval of *producer* organisations or interbranch organisations for the purposes of the aid scheme, *and* the refusal, suspension or withdrawal of such approval: *the details of* the measures eligible for Union financing; the allocation of Union financing to particular measures; the activities and costs that are not eligible for Union financing; and the selection and approval of work programmes; and concerning requiring the lodging of a security;

Or. en

#### Amendment 29

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) This Regulation distinguishes between fruit and vegetables, which include fruit and vegetables for marketing and fruit and vegetables intended for processing, on the one hand, and processed fruit and vegetables, on the other hand. Rules on producer organisations, operational programmes and Union financial assistance only apply to fruit and vegetables and fruit and vegetables solely intended for processing.

#### Amendment

(32) This Regulation distinguishes between fruit and vegetables, which include fruit and vegetables for marketing *as fresh produce* and fruit and vegetables intended for processing, on the one hand, and processed fruit and vegetables, on the other hand.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 33 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

### Amendment

(33a) In order to ensure that operational programmes in the fruit and vegetable sector are more effective, particularly crisis prevention and management measures, they should be implemented by structures of an appropriate market size. It is therefore important that associations of producer organisations are encouraged to present and manage operational programmes and crisis prevention and management measures, in whole or in part.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 31**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) Support for setting up producer groups should be provided for all sectors in all Member States under rural development policy so the specific support in the fruit and vegetables sector should be discontinued.

### Amendment

(35) Support for setting up producer groups should be provided for all sectors in all Member States under rural development policy so the specific support for their establishment in the fruit and vegetables sector should be discontinued. This support should not distort the level playing field for farmers and their producer organisations on the internal market.

Or. en

### **Amendment 32**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) One key measure eligible for national support programmes should be the promotion and marketing of Union wines in third countries. Restructuring and conversion activities should continue to be covered on account of their positive structural effects on the wine sector. Support should also be available for investments in the wine sector which are geared towards improving economic performance of the enterprises as such. Support for by-product distillation should be a measure available to Member States which desire to use such an instrument to ensure the quality of wine, while preserving the environment.

### Amendment

(40) One key measure eligible for national support programmes should be the promotion and marketing of Union wines in the Union and in third countries. Support should also be available for research and development activities on account of their importance for the competitiveness of the European wine sector. Restructuring and conversion activities should continue to be covered on account of their positive structural effects on the wine sector. Support should also be available for investments in the wine sector which are geared towards improving economic performance of the enterprises as such. Support for by-product distillation should be a measure available to Member States which desire to use such an instrument to ensure the quality of wine, while preserving the environment.

Or. en

### **Amendment 33**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 42

Text proposed by the Commission

(42) The provisions on support to vinegrowers by way of allocation of payment entitlements as decided by Member States were made definitive. Therefore the only such support which may be provided is the one decided by Member States by 1 December 2013 under Article 137 of Regulation (EU) No [COM(2011)799] and under the conditions set out in that provision. Amendment

deleted

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) In order to ensure that wine support programmes meet their objectives and that there is a targeted use of the European Funds, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of rules: on the responsibility for expenditure between the date of receipt of the support programmes, and modifications to support programmes and their date of applicability; on eligibility criteria of support measures, the type of expenditure and operations eligible for support, measures ineligible for support and the maximum level of support per measure; on changes to support programmes after they have become applicable; on requirements and thresholds for advance payments, including the requirement for a security where an advance payment is made; containing general provisions and definitions for the purposes of support programmes; to avoid misuse of the support measures and double funding of projects; under which producers shall withdraw the by-products of winemaking, exceptions from this obligation in order to avoid additional administrative burden and provisions for the voluntary certification of distillers; laying down the requirements for the Member States for the implementation of the support measures, as well as restrictions to ensure consistency with the scope of the support measures; regarding payments to beneficiaries, including payments through insurance intermediaries.

#### Amendment

(43) In order to ensure that wine support programmes meet their objectives and that there is a targeted use of the European Funds, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of rules: on the responsibility for expenditure between the date of receipt of the support programmes, and modifications to support programmes and their date of applicability; on eligibility criteria of support measures, the type of expenditure and operations eligible for support, measures ineligible for support and the maximum level of support per measure; on changes to support programmes after they have become applicable; on requirements and thresholds for advance payments, including the requirement for a security where an advance payment is made; to avoid misuse of the support measures and double funding of projects; under which producers shall withdraw the by-products of winemaking, exceptions from this obligation in order to avoid additional administrative burden and provisions for the voluntary certification of distillers; laying down the requirements for the Member States for the implementation of the support measures, as well as restrictions to ensure consistency with the scope of the support measures; regarding payments to beneficiaries, including payments through insurance intermediaries.

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

(44) Beekeeping is characterised by the diversity of production conditions and yields and the dispersion and variety of economic operators, both at the production and marketing stages. Moreover, in view of the *spread* of varroasis in several Member States in recent years and the problems which that disease causes to honey production, action by the Union continues to be necessary as varroasis cannot be completely eradicated and is to be treated with approved products. Given such circumstances and in order to improve the production and marketing of apiculture products in the Union, national programmes for the sector should be drawn up every three years with a view to improving the general conditions for the production and marketing of apiculture products. Those national programmes should be partly financed by the Union.

#### Amendment

(44) Beekeeping is characterised by the diversity of production conditions and yields and the dispersion and variety of economic operators, both at the production and marketing stages. Moreover, in view of the increasing incidence of certain types of hive invasions, and in particular of the **spread of** varroasis in several Member States in recent years and the problems which that disease causes to honey production, *coordinated* action by the Union as part of European veterinary policy continues to be necessary as varroasis cannot be completely eradicated and is to be treated with approved products. Given such circumstances and in order to improve bee health and the production and marketing of apiculture products in the Union, national programmes for the sector should be drawn up every three years with a view to improving the general conditions for the production and marketing of apiculture products. Those national programmes should be partly financed by the Union.

Or. en

### **Amendment 36**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) In order to ensure a targeted use of

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Union funds for apiculture, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of: the measures which may be included in apiculture programmes, rules on the obligations relating to the content of national programmes, their drawing up and the related studies; and the conditions for the allocation of the Union's financial contribution to each participating Member State.

Union funds for apiculture, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of: *the details of* the measures which may be included in apiculture programmes; rules on the obligations relating to the content of national programmes, their drawing up and the related studies; and the conditions for the allocation of the Union's financial contribution to each participating Member State.

Or. en

**Amendment 37** 

Proposal for a regulation Recital 48 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(48a) One key measure eligible for national support programmes should be the promotion and marketing of Union agricultural products in the Union and in third countries.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) In order to guarantee that all products are of sound, fair and marketable quality, and without prejudice to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety, a basic general marketing standard as envisaged in the aforementioned Communication of the Commission should be appropriate for products not covered by marketing standards by sectors or products. When such products conform to an applicable international standard, as appropriate, those products should be considered as conforming to the general marketing standard.

### Amendment

(50) In order to guarantee that all products are of sound, fair and marketable quality, and without prejudice to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety, a basic general marketing standard as envisaged in the aforementioned Communication of the Commission should be appropriate for products not covered by marketing standards by sectors or products. When such products conform to an applicable international standard, as appropriate, those products should be considered as conforming to the general marketing standard. Without prejudice to Union law and the smooth functioning of the internal market, the Member States should, however, retain the capacity to adopt or maintain national provisions for sectors or products subject to the general marketing standard or for sectors or products subject to specific marketing standards, in the case of elements not expressly harmonised under this Regulation.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 53 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

### Amendment

(53a) The marketing standards should be clearly divided between obligatory rules and optional reserved terms. The optional reserved terms should continue to support the aims of the marketing standards and should thus be limited in scope to the products listed in Annex I to the Treaties.

Or. en

#### Amendment 40

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 53 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

(53b) In the light of the objectives of this Regulation and in the interest of clarity, existing optional reserved terms should henceforth be governed by this Regulation.

Or. en

### **Amendment 41**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) Taking into account the interest of consumers to receive adequate and transparent product information, it should be possible to determine the place of farming, on a case by case approach at the appropriate geographical level, while

### Amendment

(54) Taking into account the interest of consumers to receive adequate and transparent product information, it should be possible to determine the place of farming, on a case by case approach at the appropriate geographical level, *without* 

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taking into account the specificities of some sectors, in particular concerning processed agricultural products. forgetting that incomplete and incorrect information can affect the economic and productive fabric of the area concerned, while taking into account the regional specificities of some sectors, in particular concerning processed agricultural products.

Or. en

### **Amendment 42**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 56

Text proposed by the Commission

(56) It is appropriate to provide for special rules in respect of products imported from third countries if national provisions in force in third countries justify derogations from the marketing standards if their equivalence to Union legislation is guaranteed.

### Amendment

(56) It is appropriate to provide for special rules in respect of products imported from third countries, to be adopted in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure laid down in Article 43(2) of the Treaty, which define the conditions under which imported products are to be considered to provide an equivalent level of compliance with the Union requirements concerning marketing standards and which allow for measures derogating from the rules requiring that products are to be marketed in the Union only in accordance with such standards. It is also appropriate to determine the rules relating to the application of the marketing standards applicable to the products exported from the Union.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

(58) In order to address changes in the market situation, taking into account the specificity of each sector, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission *in respect of acts* to adopt, modify and derogate from requirements related to the general marketing standard, and rules concerning the conformity to it.

### Amendment

(58) In order to address changes in the market situation, taking into account the specificity of each sector, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission to adopt detailed rules concerning the general marketing standard, and to modify and derogate from requirements related to the general marketing standard, and rules concerning the conformity to it.

Or en

### **Amendment 44**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 61

Text proposed by the Commission

(61) In order to take account of the specificities in trade between the Union and certain third countries, the special character of some agricultural products and the specificity of each sector, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission concerning a tolerance for each marketing standard beyond which the entire batch of products should be considered as not respecting the standard and concerning rules which define the conditions under which imported products are considered as providing an equivalent level of compliance with the Union requirements concerning marketing standards and which allow for measures derogating

### Amendment

(61) In order to take account of the special character of some agricultural products and the specificity of each sector, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission concerning a tolerance for each marketing standard beyond which the entire batch of products should be considered as not respecting the standard.

from the rules that products be marketed in the Union only in accordance with such standards and determine the rules relating to the application of the marketing standards to products exported from the Union.

Or. en

### **Amendment 45**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 69

Text proposed by the Commission

(69) In order to take account of the specificities of the production in the demarcated geographical area, to ensure product quality and traceability and to ensure the legitimate rights or interests of producers or operators the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission concerning the *principles for* the demarcation of the geographical area, and definitions, restrictions and derogations related to the production in the demarcated geographical area; concerning the conditions under which product specifications may include additional requirements; and concerning the elements of the product specification; the type of applicant that may apply for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication; the procedures to be followed in respect of an application for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication, including on preliminary national procedures, scrutiny by the Commission, objection procedures, and procedure on amendment, cancellation and conversion of protected designations of origin or protected geographical indication; the procedures applicable to trans-border applications; procedures for applications

### Amendment

(69) In order to take account of the specificities of the production in the demarcated geographical area, to ensure product quality and traceability and to ensure the legitimate rights or interests of producers or operators the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission with regard to additional details concerning the demarcation of the geographical area, and restrictions and derogations related to the production in the demarcated geographical area; concerning the conditions under which product specifications may include additional requirements; and concerning the elements of the product specification; the type of applicant that may apply for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication; the procedures to be followed in respect of an application for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication, including on preliminary national procedures, scrutiny by the Commission, objection procedures, and procedure on amendment, cancellation and conversion of protected designations of origin or protected geographical indication; the procedures applicable to trans-border applications; procedures for applications

relating to geographical areas in a third country; the date from which protection shall run; the procedures related to amendments to product specifications; and the date on which an amendment shall enter into force.

relating to geographical areas in a third country; the date from which protection shall run; the procedures related to amendments to product specifications; and the date on which an amendment shall enter into force.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 46**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 70

Text proposed by the Commission

(70) In order to ensure adequate protection and that economic operators and competent authorities are not prejudiced by the application of this Regulation as regards wine names which have been granted protection prior to 1 August 2009, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of adoption restrictions regarding the protected name and in respect of transitional provisions concerning: wine names recognised by Member States as designations of origin or geographical indications by 1 August 2009; preliminary national procedure; wines placed on the market or labelled before a specific date; and amendments to the product specifications.

Amendment

deleted

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 74

Text proposed by the Commission

(74) In order to ensure compliance with existing labelling practices, with horizontal rules related to labelling and presentation, and to consider the specificities of the wine sector; in order to ensure the efficiency of the certification, approval and verification procedures and the legitimate interests of operators and that economic operators are not prejudiced the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of exceptional circumstances justifying omitting reference to the terms "protected designation of origin" or "protected geographical indication"; in respect of the presentation and use of labelling particulars other than those provided for in this Regulation; certain compulsory particulars; optional particulars; and presentation; in respect of the necessary measures as regards labelling and presentation of wines bearing a designation of origin or a geographical indication, whose designation of origin or geographical indication meets the necessary requirements: in respect of wine placed on the market and labelled before 1 August 2009; and in respect of derogations on labelling and presentation.

### Amendment

(74) In order to ensure compliance with existing labelling practices, with horizontal rules related to labelling and presentation, and to consider the specificities of the wine sector; in order to ensure the efficiency of the certification, approval and verification procedures and the legitimate interests of operators and that economic operators are not prejudiced the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of exceptional circumstances justifying omitting reference to the terms "protected designation of origin" or "protected geographical indication"; in respect of the presentation and use of labelling particulars other than those provided for in this Regulation; certain compulsory particulars; optional particulars; and presentation; in respect of the necessary measures as regards labelling and presentation of wines bearing a designation of origin or a geographical indication, whose designation of origin or geographical indication meets the necessary requirements: in respect of wine placed on the market and labelled before 1 August 2009; and in respect of derogations on labelling *of exports* and presentation.

Or. en

### **Amendment 48**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 77

Text proposed by the Commission

(77) It is appropriate to determine certain oenological practices and restrictions for the production of wine, in particular as regards coupage and the use of certain types of grape must, grape juice and fresh grapes originating in third countries. In order to meet the international standards, *for further oenological practices*, the Commission should as a general rule base itself on the oenological practices recommended by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV).

### Amendment

(77) It is appropriate to determine certain oenological practices and restrictions for the production of wine, in particular as regards coupage and the use of certain types of grape must, grape juice and fresh grapes originating in third countries. In order to meet the international standards, the Commission should as a general rule base itself on the oenological practices recommended by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV), when making proposals on further oenological practices.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 49**

Proposal for a regulation Recital 82 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

(82a) For economic, social and environmental reasons and in the light of regional planning policy in rural areas with a wine-producing tradition, and going beyond the requirement to uphold the diversity, prestige and quality of European wine products, the present system of planting rights in the wine sector should be maintained until at least 2030.

Or. en

#### Amendment 50

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 83

Text proposed by the Commission

(83) Specific instruments will still be needed after the end of the quota system to ensure a fair balance of rights and obligations between sugar undertakings and sugar beet growers. Therefore, the standard provisions governing agreements between them should be established.

### Amendment

(83) *In the sugar sector* specific instruments *are* needed to ensure a fair balance of rights and obligations between sugar undertakings and sugar beet growers. Therefore, the standard provisions governing agreements between them should be established.

Or. en

#### Amendment 51

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 84

Text proposed by the Commission

(84) In order to *taking* into account the specificities of the sugar sector and the interests of all parties, *the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article* 290 of the Treaty should be *delegated to the Commission* in respect of such agreements, in particular as regards the conditions governing the purchase, delivery, taking over and payment of beet.

### Amendment

(84) In order to *take* into account the specificities of the sugar sector and the interests of all parties, *provision* should be *made for a series of rules* in respect of such agreements, in particular as regards the conditions governing the purchase, delivery, taking over and payment of beet.

Or. en

### **Amendment 52**

Proposal for a regulation Recital 84 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(84a) To enable beet growers to complete their adaptation to the far-reaching reform carried out in the sugar sector in

2006 and to continue the efforts to become competitive that have been undertaken since then, the present quota system should be extended until the end of the 2019-2020 marketing year. In this context, the Commission should be allowed to allocate production quotas to Member States who renounced their entire quota in 2006.

Or. en

### **Amendment 53**

Proposal for a regulation Recital 84 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(84b) The considerable and recurrent tensions observed on the European sugar market call for a mechanism that, for as long as necessary, releases non-quota sugar onto the internal market applying the same conditions as for quota sugar. This mechanism should, at the same time, permit additional imports at zero duty in order to ensure sufficient raw materials are available on the Union sugar market and to preserve the structural balance of this market.

Or. en

**Amendment 54** 

Proposal for a regulation Recital 84 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(84c) In view of the definitive abolition of the quota system in 2020, the Commission should submit before 1 July 2018 a report

to Parliament and the Council on the appropriate procedures for ending the current quota arrangements and on the future of the sector after the abolition of quotas in 2020, accompanied by any necessary proposals to prepare the entire sector for the period after 2020. Before 31 December 2014, the Commission should also submit a report on the functioning of the supply chain in the Union sugar sector.

Or. en

### **Amendment 55**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 85

Text proposed by the Commission

(85) Producer organisations and their associations can play useful roles in concentrating supply and promoting best practices. Interbranch organisations can play important part in allowing dialogue between actors in the supply chain, and in promoting best practices and market transparency. Existing rules on the definition and recognition of such organisations and their associations covering certain sectors should therefore be harmonised, streamlined and extended to provide for recognition on request under statutes set out in EU law in all sectors.

### Amendment

(85) Producer organisations and their associations can play useful roles in concentrating supply improving marketing, correcting imbalances in the value chain and promoting best practices, especially in achieving the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty, in particular the stabilisation of producers' income, inter alia by making risk management tools available to their members, by improving marketing, by concentrating supply and by negotiating contracts, thereby strengthening the producers' negotiating power.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 85 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(85a) Interbranch organisations can play an important part in allowing dialogue between actors in the supply chain, and in promoting best practices and market transparency.

Or. en

**Amendment 57** 

Proposal for a regulation Recital 85 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(85b) Existing rules on the definition and recognition of producers' organisations, their associations, and interbranch organisations covering certain sectors should therefore be harmonised, streamlined and extended to provide for recognition on request under statutes set out in accordance with this Regulation for all sectors. In particular, it is essential that the recognition criteria and rules of association of producers' organisations drawn up under Community rules ensure that such bodies are set up on the initiative of farmers, who democratically define the organisations' general policy and take the decisions on their internal running.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 87

Text proposed by the Commission

(87) As regards live plants, beef and veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat, eggs and poultrymeat provision should be made for the possibility of adopting certain measures to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements which may contribute to stabilising the markets and to ensuring a fair standard of living for the agricultural community concerned.

#### Amendment

(87) Provision should be made for the possibility of adopting certain measures to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements which may contribute to stabilising the markets and to ensuring a fair standard of living for the agricultural community concerned.

Or. en

### **Amendment 59**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 88

Text proposed by the Commission

(88) In order to encourage action by producer *organisation*, their associations and interbranch organisations to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements, with the exception of action relating to withdrawal from the market, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of measures concerning live plants, beef and veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat, eggs and poultrymeat sectors to improve quality; promote better organisation of production, processing and marketing: facilitate the recording of market price trends; and permit the establishment of short and long-term forecasts on the basis of the means of production used.

### Amendment

(88) In order to encourage action by producer *organisations*, their associations and interbranch organisations to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements, with the exception of action relating to withdrawal from the market, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission to improve quality; promote better organisation of production, processing and marketing; facilitate the recording of market price trends; and permit the establishment of short and long-term forecasts on the basis of the means of production used.

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 90

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

deleted

(90) In the absence of Union legislation on formalised, written contracts, Member States may, within their own contract law systems, make the use of such contracts compulsory provided that in doing so the Union law is respected and in particular that the proper functioning of the internal market and the common market organisation is respected. Given the diversity of situations across the Union, in the interests of subsidiarity, such a decision should remain with Member States. However, in the milk and milk products sector, to ensure appropriate minimum standards for such contracts and good functioning of the internal market and the common market organisation, some basic conditions for the use of such contracts should be laid down at the Union level. Since some dairy co-operatives may have rules with similar effect in their statues, in the interests of simplicity they should be exempted from the requirement for a contract. In order to ensure that any such system is effective it should apply equally where intermediate parties collect milk from farmers to deliver to processors.

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 90 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Amendment

(90a) The use of formalised written contracts, concluded in advance of delivery, containing basic elements, is not widespread. However, such contracts may help to reinforce the responsibility of operators, as in the case of the dairy chain, and to increase awareness of the need to better take into account the signals of the market, to improve price transmission and to adapt supply to demand, as well as to help to avoid certain unfair commercial practices.

Or. en

## Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation Recital 90 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(90b) In the absence of Union legislation concerning such contracts, Member States should be allowed, within their own systems of contract law, to make the use of such contracts compulsory, provided that, in doing so, Union law is respected and, in particular, that the proper functioning of the internal market and of the common market organisation is respected. In view of the diversity of the situations that exist across the Union in relation to contract law, in the interests of subsidiarity, such a decision should remain with Member States. Equal conditions should apply to all deliveries on a given territory. Therefore, if a Member State decides that every delivery

in its territory to a processor by a farmer is to be covered by a written contract between the parties, that obligation should also apply to deliveries coming from other Member States, but it is not necessary for it to apply to deliveries to other Member States. In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity it should be left to Member States to decide whether to require a first purchaser to make a written offer to a farmer for such a contract.

Or. en

## **Amendment 63**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 91

Text proposed by the Commission

(91) In order to ensure the rational development of production and thus a fair standard of living for dairy farmers, their bargaining power vis-à-vis processors should be strengthened which should result in a fairer distribution of valueadded along the supply chain. Therefore, in order to attain these CAP objectives, a provision should be adopted pursuant to Articles 42 and 43(2) of the Treaty to allow producer organisations constituted by dairy farmers or their associations to negotiate contract terms, including price, for some or all of its members' production with a dairy. In order to maintain effective competition on the dairy market, this possibility should be subject to appropriate quantitative limits.

Amendment

deleted

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 91 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(91a) In order to ensure the viable development of production and a fair standard of living for farmers, their bargaining power with respect to prospective purchasers should be strengthened, resulting in a fairer distribution of value added along the supply chain. In order to achieve these common agricultural policy objectives, a provision should be adopted pursuant to Articles 42 and, in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure laid down in Article 43(2) of the Treaty, that allows producer organisations consisting solely of farmers or their associations to negotiate the terms of any contracts, including prices, jointly for some or all of its members' production with a purchaser so as to prevent purchasers imposing prices that are lower than the costs of production. However, only producer organisations which seek and obtain recognition should be eligible to benefit from that provision. In addition, that provision should not apply to cooperatives. Furthermore, existing producer organisations recognised under national law should become eligible for de facto recognition under this Regulation.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 91 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(91b) In view of the importance of protected designations of origin (PDO) and protected geographical indications (PGI), notably for vulnerable rural regions, and in order to ensure the value added and to maintain the quality of, in particular, cheeses benefiting from PDO or PGI, and in the context of the expiring milk quota system, Member States should be allowed to apply rules to regulate the supply of such cheese produced in a defined geographical area. The rules should cover the entire production of the cheese concerned and should be requested by an interbranch organisation, a producer organisation or a group as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs. Such a request should be supported by a large majority of milk producers representing a large majority of the volume of milk used for that cheese and, in the case of interbranch organisations and groups, by a large majority of cheese producers representing a large majority of the production of that cheese. Moreover, these rules should be subject to strict conditions, in particular in order to avoid damage to the trade in products in other markets and to protect minority rights. Member States should immediately publish and notify to the Commission the adopted rules, ensure regular checks and repeal the rules in case of noncompliance.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 91 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(91c) Pursuant to Regulation (EC)
No 1234/2007, milk quotas will expire
within a relatively short period after the
entry into force of this Regulation. After
the repeal of Regulation (EC)
No 1234/2007, the relevant provisions
should continue to apply until the end of
this scheme.

Or. en

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation Recital 91 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(91d) When it was decided that milk quotas were to be abolished, a commitment was made to ensure a 'soft landing' for the milk and milk products sector. Regulation (EU) No 261/2012<sup>1</sup> on contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector represents a first step in that direction, and further legislation will also be needed. When there is a serious imbalance in the milk and milk products market, the Commission should therefore be authorised to grant aid to milk producers who voluntarily cut production, and to impose a levy on milk producers who increase production over the same period and in the same proportion.

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 68**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 93

Text proposed by the Commission

(93) In order to ensure that the objectives and responsibilities of producer organisations, associations of producer organisations, interbranch organisations and operator organisations are clearly defined so as to contribute to the effectiveness of their actions, to take into account the specificities of each sector, and to ensure the respect of competition and the good functioning of the common market organisation, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of rules on: the specific aims which may, shall or shall not be pursued by such organisations and associations, including derogations from those listed in this Regulation; the rules of association, the recognition, structure, legal personality, membership, size, accountability and activities of such organisations and associations, the effects deriving from recognition, the withdrawal of recognition, and mergers; transnational organisations and associations; outsourcing of activities and the provision of technical means by organisations or associations; the minimum volume or value of marketable production of organisations and associations; the extension of certain rules of the organisations to non-members and the compulsory payment of subscriptions by non-members, including a list of stricter production rules which may be extended, further requirements as regards

### Amendment

(93) In order to ensure that the objectives and responsibilities of producer organisations, associations of producer organisations, interbranch organisations and operator organisations are clearly defined so as to contribute to the effectiveness of their actions, to take into account the specificities of each sector, and to ensure the respect of competition and the good functioning of the common market organisation, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of rules on: the specific aims which may, shall or shall not be pursued by such organisations and associations, and, if necessary, may be added to those listed in this Regulation; the rules of association of organisations other than producer organisations, the specific conditions applicable to the rules of association of producer organisations in certain sectors, structure, legal personality, membership, size, accountability and activities of such organisations and associations, the effects deriving from recognition, the withdrawal of recognition, and mergers; transnational organisations and associations, including rules on providing administrative assistance where there is transnational cooperation; the conditions for the outsourcing of activities and the provision of technical means by organisations or associations; the minimum volume or value of marketable production

representativeness, the economic areas concerned, including Commission scrutiny of their definition, minimum periods during which the rules should be in force before their extension, the persons or organisations to whom the rules or contributions may be applied, and the circumstances in which the Commission may require that the extension of rules or compulsory contributions be refused or withdrawn.

of organisations and associations; the extension of certain rules of the organisations to non-members and the compulsory payment of subscriptions by non-members, including a list of stricter production rules which may be extended, further requirements as regards representativeness, the economic areas concerned, including Commission scrutiny of their definition, minimum periods during which the rules should be in force before their extension, the persons or organisations to whom the rules or contributions may be applied, and the circumstances in which the Commission may require that the extension of rules or compulsory contributions be refused or withdrawn; the specific conditions for implementing contractual arrangements and the specific amounts that may form the basis of contractual negotiations.

Or. en

## **Amendment 69**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 94

Text proposed by the Commission

(94) A single market involves a trading system at the external borders of the Union. That trading system should include import duties and export refunds and should, in principle, stabilise the Union market. The trading system should be based on the undertakings accepted under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and in bilateral agreements.

## Amendment

(94) A single market involves a trading system at the external borders of the Union. That trading system should include import duties and export refunds and should, in principle, stabilise the Union market, without disrupting the markets of developing countries. The trading system should be based on the undertakings accepted under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and in bilateral agreements.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 94 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

(94a) However, the implementation of international agreements should not depart from the principle of reciprocity, particularly with regard to tariffs, health, plant health, the environment and animal welfare; in addition, it should be carried out so as to ensure strict compliance with the mechanisms for entry prices, specific additional duties and compensatory levies.

Or. en

## Amendment 71

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 96

Text proposed by the Commission

(96) In order to take account of the evolution of trade and market developments, the needs of the markets concerned and when necessary for monitoring imports or exports, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission *in respect of* the list of the products of sectors subject to the presentation of an import or export licence; and the cases and situations where the presentation of an import or export licence is not required.

## Amendment

(96) In order to take account of the evolution of trade and market developments, the needs of the markets concerned and when necessary for monitoring imports or exports, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission *to modify* and supplement the list of the products of sectors subject to the presentation of an import or export licence; and the cases and situations where the presentation of an import or export licence is not required.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 100

Text proposed by the Commission

(100) In order to ensure the efficiency of the entry price system, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of providing for *inclusion* a check of the customs value against *another value than* the unit price.

### Amendment

(100) In order to ensure the efficiency of the entry price system, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of providing for a check to be made of the customs value against the unit price or, where necessary, a check of the customs value against the flat-rate import value. The check on the customs value should under no circumstances be carried out using a deductive method which would reduce or prevent the imposition of specific additional duties.

Or. en

## **Amendment 73**

## Proposal for a regulationRecital 103 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

### Amendment

(103 a) In order to facilitate the development and growth of the bio-based economy, and to prevent adverse effects on the Union market for bio-based industrial products that might otherwise arise, measures should be taken to ensure that producers of bio-based industrial products have access to secure supplies of agricultural raw materials at globally competitive prices. Where agricultural raw materials are imported into the Union free of import tariffs for use in the production of bio-based industrial products, measures should be taken to ensure that the raw materials are used for the declared purpose.

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 105

Text proposed by the Commission

(105) The customs duty system makes it possible to dispense with all other protective measures at the external borders of the Union. The internal market and duty mechanism could, in exceptional circumstances, prove to be inadequate. In such cases, in order not to leave the Union market without defence against disturbances that might ensue, the Union should be able to take all necessary measures without delay. Such measures should comply with the international commitments of the Union.

#### Amendment

(105) The customs duty system makes it possible to dispense with all other protective measures at the external borders of the Union. The internal market and duty mechanism could, in exceptional circumstances, prove to be inadequate. In such cases, in order not to leave the Union market without defence against disturbances that might ensue, the Union should be able to take all necessary measures without delay. Such measures should comply with the international commitments of the Union and with its development cooperation policy.

Or. en

## **Amendment 75**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 107

Text proposed by the Commission

(107) **Provisions for granting** refunds on exports to third countries, based on the difference between prices within the Union and on the world market, and falling within the limits set by the commitments made within the WTO, should **serve to safeguard the Union's participation in international trade in** certain products falling within this Regulation. **Subsidised exports** should be subject to limits in terms of value and quantity.

## Amendment

(107) Refunds on exports to third countries, based on the difference between prices within the Union and on the world market, and falling within the limits set by the commitments made within the WTO, should be retained as a crisis management instrument for certain products falling within the scope of this Regulation, until the future of this instrument has been decided within the framework of the WTO, on the basis of reciprocity. The budget heading for export refunds should,

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therefore, provisionally be set at zero. When used, export refunds should be subject to limits in terms of value and quantity and should not jeopardise the development of agricultural sectors and economies in developing countries.

Or. en

## **Amendment 76**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 120

Text proposed by the Commission

(120) In accordance with Article 42 of the Treaty the provisions of the Treaty concerning competition shall apply to production of and trade in agricultural products only to the extent determined by Union legislation within the framework of Article 43(2) *and (3)* of the Treaty and in accordance with the procedure laid down therein.

## Amendment

(120) In accordance with Article 42 of the Treaty, the provisions of the Treaty concerning competition shall apply to production of and trade in agricultural products only to the extent determined by Union legislation within the framework of Article 43(2) of the Treaty and in accordance with the procedure laid down therein.

Or. en

### Amendment 77

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 121 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

(121a) More account should be taken of the specific characteristics of the agricultural sector in implementing Union competition rules, in particular to ensure that the tasks conferred on producer organisations, associations of producer organisations and interbranch organisations can be carried out correctly and effectively.

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 121 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

### Amendment

(121b) In order to ensure uniform application of the provisions relating to competition law in this Regulation, thereby contributing to the smooth functioning of the internal market, the Commission should coordinate actions by the various national competition authorities. To this end the Commission should publish guidelines and good practice guides to assist the various national competition authorities, as well as undertakings of the agricultural and agri-food sector.

Or. en

### Amendment 79

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 122

Text proposed by the Commission

(122) A special approach should be allowed in the case of *farmers' or* producer organisations or their associations the objective of which is the joint production or marketing of agricultural products or the use of joint facilities, unless such joint action excludes competition *or jeopardises* the attainment of the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty.

## Amendment

(122) A special approach should be allowed in the case of producer organisations or their associations, the objective of which is the joint production or marketing of agricultural products or the use of joint facilities, unless such joint action excludes competition. It is particularly important that the agreements, decisions and concerted practices of these organisations should be considered to be necessary for achieving the CAP objectives set out in Article 39 of the Treaty, and that Article 101(1) of the

Treaty should not apply to such agreements unless there is exclusion of competition. In this case, the procedures laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2003<sup>1</sup> should apply, and, in all proceedings brought for exclusion of competition, the burden of proof should lie with the party or authority alleging the infringement.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 1, 4.1.2003, p. 1.

Or. en

### **Amendment 80**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 124

Text proposed by the Commission

(124) The proper *working* of the *single* market would be jeopardised by the granting of national aid. Therefore, the provisions of the Treaty governing State aid should, as a general rule, apply to agricultural products. In certain situations exceptions should be allowed. Where such exceptions apply, the Commission should be in a position to draw up a list of existing, new or proposed national aid, to make appropriate observations to the Member States and to propose suitable measures.

### Amendment

(124) The proper *functioning* of the *internal* market would be jeopardised by the granting of national aid. Therefore, the provisions of the Treaty governing State aid should, as a general rule, apply to agricultural products. In certain situations exceptions should be allowed. Where such exceptions apply, the Commission should be in a position to draw up a list of existing, new or proposed national aid, to make appropriate observations to the Member States and to propose suitable measures.

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 129

Text proposed by the Commission

(129) Member States should be allowed to continue to make national payments for nuts as *currently* provided for under Article 120 of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in order to cushion the effects of decoupling of the former Union aid scheme for nuts. For clarity, since that Regulation is to be repealed, the national payments should be provided for in this Regulation.

## Amendment

(129) Member States should be allowed to continue to make national payments for nuts as provided for under Article 120 of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 in order to cushion the effects of decoupling of the former Union aid scheme for nuts. For clarity, since that Regulation is to be repealed, the national payments should be provided for in this Regulation.

Or. en

## **Amendment 82**

Proposal for a regulation Recital 131 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

(131a) Data collected by the Farm Accountancy Data Network should be taken into consideration when formulating studies and research with the aim of preventing crises in the various agricultural sectors, given that they reflect the performance of farms. These data should serve as a useful tool for crisis prevention and management.

Or. en

## **Amendment 83**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 133

Text proposed by the Commission

(133) In order to react efficiently and effectively against threats of market disturbance caused by significant price rises or falls on internal or external markets or any other factors affecting the market, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the necessary measures for the sector concerned including, where necessary, measure to extend or modify the scope, duration or other aspects of other measures provided for under this Regulation, or suspend import duties in whole or in part including for certain quantities and/or periods.

## Amendment

(133) In order to react efficiently and effectively against market disturbance caused by significant price rises or falls on internal or external markets or a substantial rise in production costs or any other factors affecting the market, where that situation is likely to continue or *deteriorate.* the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the necessary measures for the sector concerned including, where necessary, measure to extend or modify the scope, duration or other aspects of other measures provided for under this Regulation, or suspend import duties in whole or in part including for certain quantities and/or periods.

Or. en

## **Amendment 84**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 135

Text proposed by the Commission

(135) Undertakings, Member States and/or third countries may be required to submit communications for the purposes of applying this Regulation, monitoring, analysing and managing the market in agricultural products, ensuring market transparency, the proper functioning of CAP measures, of checking, controlling, monitoring, evaluating and auditing CAP measures, and implementing international agreements, including notification requirements under those agreements. In order to ensure a harmonised, streamlined

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and simplified approach, the Commission should be empowered to adopt *all* the necessary measures regarding communications. In so doing it should take into account the data needs and synergies between potential data sources.

and simplified approach, the Commission should to be empowered to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty in respect of the necessary measures regarding communications. In so doing it should take into account the data needs and synergies between potential data sources and ensure compliance with the principle 'that personal data are not to be further processed in a way that is incompatible with the original purpose of their collection', as the European Data Protection Supervisor pointed out in his opinion of 14 December 2011<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 35, 9.2.2012, p. 1.

Or. en

## **Amendment 85**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 137

Text proposed by the Commission

(137) Union legislation concerning the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, in particular Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data are applicable.

## Amendment

(137) Union legislation concerning the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, in particular Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data<sup>1</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data<sup>2</sup> are applicable.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 281, 23.11.1995, p. 31. <sup>2</sup> OJ L 8, 12.01.2001, p. 1.

Or. en

## **Amendment 86**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 139

Text proposed by the Commission

(139) In order to ensure the smooth transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799] to those laid down in this Regulation, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the necessary measures, in particular those necessary to protect the acquired rights and legitimate expectations of undertakings.

### Amendment

(139) In order to ensure the smooth transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 to those laid down in this Regulation, the power to adopt certain acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission in respect of the necessary measures, in particular those necessary to protect the acquired rights and legitimate expectations of undertakings.

Or. en

## **Amendment 87**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 140

Text proposed by the Commission

(140) The use of urgency procedure should be reserved for exceptional cases where this proves to be necessary in order to react efficiently and effectively against threats of market disturbance or where market disturbances are occurring. The choice of an urgency procedure should be justified and the cases in which the urgency procedure should be specified.

## Amendment

(140) The urgency procedure should be used in order to react efficiently and effectively against certain market disturbances and against pests, animal and plant diseases, loss of consumer confidence due to public, animal or plant health risks, or in order to resolve specific problems.

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 143

Text proposed by the Commission

(143) The Commission should adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases imperative grounds of urgency so require, relating to adopting, amending or revoking Union safeguard measures, suspending the use of processing or inward or outward processing arrangements, if necessary to react immediately to the market situation, and resolving specific problems in an emergency, if such immediate action is needed to deal with the problems.

## Amendment

(143) The Commission should adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases imperative grounds of urgency so require, relating to adopting, amending or revoking Union safeguard measures, suspending the use of processing or inward or outward processing arrangements, if necessary to react immediately to the market situation.

Or. en

### **Amendment 89**

## Proposal for a regulation Recital 143 a

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

(143a) Safeguard measures should be adopted, particularly where agricultural products imported from third countries do not guarantee food security or food traceability and do not comply with all the health, environmental and animal welfare conditions laid down for the internal market, where crises arise for markets or where shortcomings are identified with regard to the conditions stated in import certificates concerning prices, quantities or the calendar. This monitoring of compliance with the conditions laid down for imports of agricultural products

should be performed by means of an integrated system for monitoring imports into the Union in real time.

Or. en

**Amendment 90** 

Proposal for a regulation Recital 146

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(146) Pursuant to Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799] several sectoral measures, including on milk quotas, sugar quotas and other sugar measures and the restrictions on the planting of vines, as well as certain state aids, will expire within a reasonable period following the entry in force of this Regulation. After the repeal of Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799], the relevant provisions should continue to apply until the end of the schemes concerned.

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 91** 

Proposal for a regulation Recital 147

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(147) In order to ensure a smooth transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799] to the provisions of this Regulation, the Commission should be empowered to adopt transitional measures.

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## Proposal for a regulation Recital 149

Text proposed by the Commission

(149) As regards contractual relations in the milk and milk products sectors, the measures set out in this Regulation, are justified in the current economic circumstances of the dairy market and the structure of the supply chain. They should therefore be applied for a sufficiently long duration (both before and after the abolition of milk quotas) to allow them to have full effect. However, given their farreaching nature, they should nevertheless be temporary in nature, and be subject to review. The Commission should adopt reports on the development of the milk market, covering in particular potential incentives to encourage farmers to enter into joint production agreements, to be submitted by 30 June 2014 and 31 December 2018 respectively,

### Amendment

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Or. en

### **Amendment 93**

Proposal for a regulation Recital 150 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(150a) International market trends, the world's growing population and the strategic approach required to supply reasonably priced food to people in the Union will have a huge impact on the

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environment within which European agriculture is developing. The Commission should, therefore, present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council, no later than four years after the entry into force of this Regulation, on market trends and on the future of agricultural market management tools. The report should assess the suitability of existing market management tools in the new international context and, if necessary, examine the possibility of establishing strategic stocks. The report should be accompanied by any suitable proposals on establishing a long-term strategy for the Union with a view to attaining the objectives laid down in Article 39 of the Treaty.

Or. en

## **Amendment 94**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 1, paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Agricultural products as defined in paragraph 1 shall be divided into the following sectors as listed in Annex I:

## Amendment

2. Agricultural products as defined in paragraph 1 shall be divided into the following sectors as listed in Annex I *to this Regulation*:

Or. en

## **Amendment 95**

Proposal for a regulation Article 1, paragraph 2, point j

Text proposed by the Commission

(j) processed fruit and *vegetables*, Part X of Annex I;

Amendment

(j) processed fruit and *vegetable products*, Part X of Annex I;

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Proposal for a regulation Article 1, paragraph 2, point m

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(m) live plants, Part XIII of Annex I;

(m) live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage, Part XIII of Annex I;

Or. en

## **Amendment 97**

Proposal for a regulation Article 1, paragraph 2, point u

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(u) ethyl alcohol, Part XXI of Annex I;

(u) ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, Part XXI of Annex I;

Or. en

## **Amendment 98**

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(v) apiculture, Part XXII of Annex I;

(v) apiculture *products*, Part XXII of

Annex I;

Or. en

## **Amendment 99**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Taking into account the specificities of the rice sector, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to update the definitions concerning the rice sector set out in Part I of Annex II. deleted

Or. en

## **Amendment 100**

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. For the purposes of this Regulation, 'adverse climatic events' shall mean weather conditions which can be assimilated to a natural disaster, such as frost, hail, ice, rain or drought, which destroy or reduce production by more than 30 % compared to the average annual production of a given farmer. The average annual production shall be calculated on the basis of the preceding three-year period or on the basis of a three-year average based on the preceding five-year period, excluding the highest and lowest entry.

Or. en

## **Amendment 101**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – point 4b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

4b. For the purposes of this Regulation, 'advanced systems of sustainable production', 'advanced methods of sustainable production' and 'advanced measures for sustainable production' shall mean agricultural practices which go beyond the cross-compliance requirements provided for in Title VI of Regulation (EU) No [...] (horizontal regulation on the CAP) and are continuously evolving to improve the management of natural nutrients, the water cycle and energy flows so as to reduce damage to the environment and wastage of non-renewable resources and to maintain crops, livestock and natural diversity at a high level in production systems.

Or. en

## **Amendment 102**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 4

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, when necessary due to amendments to the combined nomenclature, adjust the description of products and references to the headings or subheadings of the combined nomenclature in this Regulation or other acts adopted under Article 43 of the Treaty. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

#### Amendment

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, when necessary due to amendments to the combined nomenclature, in order to adjust the description of products and references to the headings or subheadings of the combined nomenclature in this Regulation.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) 1 January to 31 December of a given year for the banana *sector*;

Amendment

(a) 1 January to 31 December of a given year for the *fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables and* banana *sectors*;

Or en

## **Amendment 104**

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 - paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Taking into account the specificities of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to fix the marketing years for those products. Amendment

deleted

Or. en

## **Amendment 105**

Proposal for a regulation Article 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 7

Reference prices

The following reference prices are fixed:

Amendment

Article 7

Reference prices

1. For the purposes of the application of Part II, Title I, Chapter I and Part V, Chapter I, the following reference prices

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- (a) as regards the cereals sector, EUR 101,31/tonne, related to the wholesale stage for goods delivered to the warehouse, before unloading;
- (b) as regards paddy rice, EUR 150/tonne for the standard quality as defined in point A of Annex III, related to the wholesale stage for goods delivered to the warehouse, before unloading;
- (c) as regards sugar of standard quality as defined in point B of Annex III, related to unpacked sugar, ex-factory:
- (i) for white sugar: EUR 404,4/tonne;
- (ii) for raw sugar: EUR 335,2/tonne.
- (d) as regards the beef and veal sector, EUR 2 224/tonne for carcasses of male bovine animals of grade R3 as laid down in the Union scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals pursuant to Article 18(8);
- (e) as regards the milk and milk products sector:
- (i) EUR 246,39 per 100 kg for butter;
- (ii) EUR 169,80 per 100 kg for skimmed milk powder;
- (f) as regards pigmeat, EUR 1 509,39/tonne for pig carcasses of a standard quality defined in terms of weight and lean meat content as laid down in the Union scale for the classification of pig carcasses pursuant to Article 18(8) as follows:
- (i) carcasses weighing from 60 to less than 120 kg: grade E;
- (ii) carcasses weighing from 120 to 180 kg: grade R.

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- (a) as regards the cereals sector, EUR 101,31/tonne, related to the wholesale stage for goods delivered to the warehouse, before unloading;
- (b) as regards paddy rice, EUR 150/tonne for the standard quality as defined in point A of Annex III, related to the wholesale stage for goods delivered to the warehouse, before unloading;
- (c) as regards sugar of standard quality as defined in point B of Annex III, related to unpacked sugar, ex-factory:
- (i) for white sugar: EUR 404,4/tonne;
- (ii) for raw sugar: EUR 335,2/tonne.
- (d) as regards the beef and veal sector, EUR 2 224/tonne for carcasses of male bovine animals of grade R3 as laid down in the Union scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals pursuant to Article 9a;
- (e) as regards the milk and milk products sector:
- (i) EUR 246,39 per 100 kg for butter;
- (ii) EUR 169,80 per 100 kg for skimmed milk powder;
- (f) as regards pigmeat, EUR 1 509,39/tonne for pig carcasses of a standard quality defined in terms of weight and lean meat content as laid down in the Union scale for the classification of pig carcasses pursuant to Article *9a* as follows:
- (i) carcasses weighing from 60 to less than 120 kg: grade E;
- (ii) carcasses weighing from 120 to 180 kg: grade R.
- (fa) as regards the olive oil sector:
- (i) EUR 2388/tonne for extra virgin olive oil;
- (ii) EUR 2295/tonne for virgin olive oil;

(iii) EUR 1524/tonne for lampante olive oil with 2 degrees of free acidity, this amount being reduced by EUR 36.70/tonne for each additional degree of acidity.

1a. The reference prices shall be reviewed, at regular intervals, on the basis of objective criteria, notably the developments in production, production costs, particularly the costs of inputs, and market trends. When necessary, the reference prices shall be updated in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure laid down in Article 43(2) of the Treaty.

The intervals for review may differ among the product categories and shall take into account the volatility pattern of each product category.

Or. en

## **Amendment 106**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Origin of eligible products

Products eligible for buying-in under public intervention or for the granting of aid for private storage shall originate in the Union. In addition, if they come from crops, those crops shall have been harvested in the Union and if they come from milk, that milk shall have been produced in the Union.

Amendment

Origin of eligible products

Products eligible for buying-in under public intervention or for the granting of aid for private storage shall originate in the Union. In addition, if they come from crops, those crops shall have been harvested in the Union and if they are animal products, the entire production process shall have been carried out in the Union.

Or. en

### Amendment 107

# Proposal for a regulation Article 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

## Article 9a

## Union scales and inspections

- 1. Union scales for the classification of carcasses shall apply in accordance with the rules laid down in Annex IIIa in the following sectors:
- (a) beef and veal as regards carcasses of adult bovine animals;
- (b) pigmeat as regards carcasses of pigs other than those which have been used for breeding.

In the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector Member States may apply a Union scale for the classification of carcasses as regards sheep carcasses in accordance with the rules laid down in point C of Annex IIIa.

2. On-the-spot inspections in relation to the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals and sheep shall be carried out on behalf of the Union by a Union inspection committee composed of experts from the Commission and experts appointed by the Member States. That Committee shall report back to the Commission and the Member States on the inspections carried out.

The Union shall bear the costs resulting from the inspections carried out.

Or. en

**Amendment 108** 

# Proposal for a regulation Article 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 10

Products eligible for public intervention

Public intervention shall apply in respect of the following products *subject to* the conditions laid down in this Section and requirements and conditions *to* be determined by the Commission, by means of delegated and/or implementing acts, pursuant to Articles 18 and 19:

- (a) common wheat, barley and maize;
- (b) paddy rice;
- (c) fresh or chilled meat of the beef and veal sector falling within CN codes 0201 10 00 and 0201 20 20 to 0201 20 50;
- (d) butter produced directly and exclusively from pasteurised cream obtained directly and exclusively from cow's milk in an approved undertaking in the Union of a minimum butterfat content, by weight, of 82 % and a maximum water content, by weight, of 16 %;
- (e) skimmed milk powder of top quality made from cow's milk in an approved undertaking in the Union by the spray process, with a minimum protein-content of 34,0 % by weight of the fat free dry matter.

Amendment

Article 10

Products eligible for public intervention

Public intervention shall apply in respect of the following products *in accordance with* the conditions laid down in this Section and *any additional* requirements and conditions *that may* be determined by the Commission, by means of delegated and/or implementing acts, pursuant to Articles 18 and 19:

- (a) common wheat, *durum wheat*, *sorghum*, barley and maize;
- (b) paddy rice;
- (c) fresh or chilled meat of the beef and veal sector falling within CN codes 0201 10 00 and 0201 20 20 to 0201 20 50;
- (d) butter produced directly and exclusively from pasteurised cream obtained directly and exclusively from cow's milk in an approved undertaking in the Union of a minimum butterfat content, by weight, of 82 % and a maximum water content, by weight, of 16 %;
- (e) skimmed milk powder of top quality made from cow's milk in an approved undertaking in the Union by the spray process, with a minimum protein-content of 34,0 % by weight of the fat free dry matter.

Or. en

**Amendment 109** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 a (new)

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Article 10a

Strategic stocks

In order to prevent severe market imbalances and to guarantee the continuity of livestock sectors, strategic stocks of raw materials for livestock feed shall be established.

The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, to establish the strategic stocks referred to in the first paragraph and to ensure their proper functioning.

Or. en

### Amendment 110

# Proposal for a regulation Article 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 11

Public intervention *period* 

Public intervention shall be available for:

- (a) common wheat, barley and maize, from 1 November to 31 May;
- (b) paddy rice, from 1 April to 31 July;
- (c) beef and veal, throughout the marketing year;
- (d) butter and skimmed milk powder, from 1 March to 31 August;

Amendment

Article 11

Public intervention *periods* 

Public intervention shall be available for the products listed in Article 10 throughout the year.

## Proposal for a regulation Article 12

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 12

Opening and closing of public intervention

- 1. **During the periods referred to in Article 11,** public intervention:
- (a) shall be open for common wheat, butter and skimmed milk powder;
- (b) *may* be opened by the Commission, by means of implementing acts, for barley, maize, *and* paddy rice (including specific varieties or types of paddy rice), if the market situation so requires. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2);
- (c) *may* be opened for the beef and veal sector by the Commission, by means of other implementing acts, if the average market price over a representative period *adopted* pursuant to Article 19(a) in a Member State or in a region of a Member State recorded on the basis of the Union scale for the classification of carcasses as adopted pursuant to Article 18(8) is below *EUR 1 560/tonne*.
- 2. The Commission *may*, by means of implementing acts, close public intervention for the beef and veal sector, where, over a representative period adopted pursuant to Article 19(a), the conditions provided for in point (c) of paragraph 1 are no longer fulfilled.

### Amendment

## Article 12

Opening and closing of public intervention

- 1. Public intervention:
- (a) shall be open for common wheat, butter and skimmed milk powder;
- (b) *shall* be opened by the Commission, by means of implementing acts, for *durum wheat*, *sorghum*, *barley*, *maize*, paddy rice (including specific varieties or types of paddy rice), if the market situation so requires. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2);
- (c) shall be opened for the beef and veal sector by the Commission, by means of other implementing acts adopted without the application of Article 162(2) or (3), if the average market price over a representative period determined pursuant to Article 19(a) in a Member State or in a region of a Member State recorded on the basis of the Union scale for the classification of carcasses as adopted pursuant to Article 9a is below 90 % of the reference price laid down in Article 7(1)(d).
- 2. The Commission *shall*, by means of implementing acts *adopted without the application of Article 162(2) or (3)*, close public intervention for the beef and veal sector, where, over a representative period adopted pursuant to Article 19(a), the conditions provided for in point (c) of paragraph 1 are no longer fulfilled.

## Proposal for a regulation Article 13

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 13

Buying-in at a fixed price or tendering

- 1. Where public intervention is open pursuant to point (a) of Article 12(1), buying-in shall be carried out at *a* fixed price within the following limits for each period referred to in Article 11:
- (a) for common wheat, 3 million tonnes;
- (b) for butter, *30 000* tonnes;
- (c) for skimmed milk powder, 109 000 tonnes.
- 2. Where public intervention is open pursuant to Article 12(1), buying-in shall be carried out by way of a tendering procedure to determine the maximum buying-in price:
- (a) for common wheat, butter and skimmed milk powder beyond the limits referred to in paragraph 1,
- (b) for barley, maize, paddy rice and beef and yeal

In special and duly justified circumstances, the Commission may, by means of implementing acts, restrict tendering procedures to a Member State or region of a Member State, or, subject to Article 14(2), determine the buying-in prices for public intervention per Member State or region of a Member State on the basis of recorded average market prices. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

### Amendment

## Article 13

Buying-in at a fixed price or tendering

- 1. Where public intervention is open pursuant to point (a) of Article 12(1), buying-in shall be carried out at *the* fixed price *set in Article 14(2)*, within the following limits for each period referred to in Article 11:
- (a) for common wheat, 3 million tonnes;
- (b) for butter, *70 000* tonnes;
- (c) for skimmed milk powder, 109 000 tonnes.
- 2. Where public intervention is open pursuant to Article 12(1), buying-in shall be carried out by way of a tendering procedure to determine the maximum buying-in price:
- (a) for common wheat, butter and skimmed milk powder beyond the limits referred to in paragraph 1,
- (b) for *durum wheat, sorghum,* barley, maize, paddy rice and beef and veal.

In special and duly justified circumstances, the Commission may, by means of implementing acts, restrict tendering procedures to a Member State or region of a Member State, or, subject to Article 14(2), determine the buying-in prices for public intervention per Member State or region of a Member State on the basis of recorded average market prices. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

# Proposal for a regulation Article 14

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 14

## Public intervention prices

- 1. Public intervention price shall mean:
- (a) the price at which products shall be bought-in under public intervention where this is done at a fixed price, or
- (b) the maximum price at which products eligible for public intervention may be bought-in where this is done by tendering.
- 2. The level of the public intervention price:
- (a) for common wheat, barley, maize, paddy rice and skimmed milk powder shall be equal to the respective reference prices fixed in Article 7 in the case of buying-in at a fixed price and shall not exceed the respective reference prices in the case of buying-in by tendering;
- (b) for butter shall be equal to 90 % of the reference price fixed in Article 7 in the case of buying-in at a fixed price and shall not exceed 90 % of the reference price in the case of buying-in by tendering;
- (c) for beef and veal, shall not exceed the price *referred to* in point (c) of *Article* 12(1).
- 3. The public intervention prices referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be without prejudice to price increases or reductions for quality reasons for common wheat, barley, maize and paddy rice. *Moreover*, *taking into account the need to ensure*

#### Amendment

## Article 14

## Public intervention prices

- 1. Public intervention price shall mean:
- (a) the price at which products shall be bought-in under public intervention where this is done at a fixed price, or
- (b) the maximum price at which products eligible for public intervention may be bought-in where this is done by tendering.
- 2. The level of the public intervention price:
- (a) for common wheat, *durum wheat*, *sorghum*, barley, maize, paddy rice and skimmed milk powder shall be equal to the respective reference prices fixed in Article 7 in the case of buying-in at a fixed price and shall not exceed the respective reference prices in the case of buying-in by tendering;
- (b) for butter shall be equal to 90 % of the reference price fixed in Article 7 in the case of buying-in at a fixed price and shall not exceed 90 % of the reference price in the case of buying-in by tendering;
- (c) for beef and veal, shall not exceed 90 % of the reference price stated in point (d) of Article 7(1).
- 3. The public intervention prices referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be without prejudice to price increases or reductions for quality reasons for common wheat, *durum wheat*, *sorghum*, barley, maize and paddy rice.

that production is orientated towards certain varieties of paddy rice, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to fix increases and reductions of the public intervention price.

Or. en

## **Amendment 114**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 15

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 15

General principles on disposal from public intervention

Disposal of products bought in under public intervention shall take place in such a way as to:

- (a) avoid any disturbance of the market,
- (b) ensure equal access to goods and equal treatment of purchasers and
- (c) be in compliance with the commitments resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty.

Products may be disposed of by making them available for the scheme for food distribution to the most deprived in the Union set out in Regulation (EU) No [...] *if that scheme so provides.* In that case, the accounting value of such products shall be at the level of the relevant fixed public intervention price referred to in Article 14(2).

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- 2. Products may be disposed of by making them available for the scheme for food distribution to the most deprived in the Union set out in Regulation (EU) No [...] In that case, the accounting value of such products shall be at the level of the relevant fixed public intervention price referred to in Article 14(2).

2a. Each year the Commission shall publish details of the conditions under which the public intervention stocks were sold the previous year.

## Proposal for a regulation Article 16 — paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Aid for private storage may be granted in respect of the following products *subject to* the conditions set out in this Section and *to* requirements and conditions to be adopted by the Commission, by means of delegated and/or implementing acts, pursuant to *Article* 17 to 19:

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Aid for private storage may be granted in respect of the following products *in accordance with* the conditions set out in this Section and *any further* requirements and conditions to be adopted by the Commission, by means of delegated and/or implementing acts, pursuant to *Articles* 17 to 19:

Or. en

## **Amendment 116**

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) olive oil;

(b) olive oil and table olives;

Or. en

## Amendment 117

Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) cheeses.

Or. en

**Amendment 118** 

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# Proposal for a regulation Article 17

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 17

## Conditions for granting aid

1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, where necessary in order to provide for market transparency to lay down the conditions under which it may decide to grant private storage aid for the products listed in Article 16, taking into account average recorded Union market prices and the reference prices for the products concerned or the need to respond to a particularly difficult market situation or economic developments in the sector in one or more Member States.

- 2. The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, decide to grant private storage aid for the products listed in Article 16, taking into account the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).
- 3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts fix the aid for private storage provided for in Article 16 in advance or by means of tendering procedures. Those implementing acts shall

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- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, where necessary in order to provide for market transparency to lay down the conditions under which it *may* decide to grant private storage aid for the products listed in Article 16, taking into account:
- (a) average recorded Union market prices and the reference prices and production costs for the products concerned and/or
- (b) the need to respond in a timely way to a particularly difficult market situation or economic developments, either or both of which have a significant impact on producers' profit margins in the sector in one or more Member States and/or
- (ba) the particular nature of certain sectors or the seasonal nature of production in certain Member States.
- 2. The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, decide to grant private storage aid for the products listed in Article 16, taking into account the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).
- 3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts fix the aid for private storage provided for in Article 16 in advance or by means of tendering procedures. Those implementing acts shall

be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

4. The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, restrict the granting of private storage aid or fix the private storage aid per Member State or region of a Member State on the basis of recorded average market prices. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

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4. The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, restrict the granting of private storage aid or fix the private storage aid per Member State or region of a Member State on the basis of recorded average market prices *and the applicants' profit margins*. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

# **Amendment 119**

Proposal for a regulation
Part II – Title I – chapter I – Section 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### **SECTION 3A**

# COORDINATION OF OPERATIONS INVOLVING TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MARKET Article 17a

Coordination of operations involving temporary withdrawal from the market

1. For the purpose of preventing major market imbalances or restoring the normal operation of the market in the event of it being seriously disrupted, associations of producer organisations from one of the sectors referred to in Paragraph 2(1) of this Regulation which are considered to be representative within the meaning of Article 110 of this Regulation may set up and operate a system for the coordination of temporary withdrawals from the market on the part

of their members.

These provisions shall be applied without prejudice to Part IV of this Regulation and do not fall within the scope of Article 101(1) of the Treaty.

- 2. If an association of producer organisations decides to activate this system, it shall be mandatory for all its members.
- 3. The system shall be financed by:
- (a) the financial contributions paid by member organisations and/or the association of producer organisations itself and, where appropriate,
- (b) the Union aid referred to in Article 8, in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Commission under point (c) of Article 18(9a), which aid may not, in any event, exceed 50 % of the total cost.
- 4. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, to ensure that the way in which the system operates is consistent with the objectives of the CAP and does not impede the smooth functioning of the internal market.

Or. en

**Amendment 120** 

Proposal for a regulation
Part II – Title I – Chapter I – Section 4 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**SECTION 4** 

COMMON PROVISIONS ON PUBLIC INTERVENTION AND AID FOR PRIVATE STORAGE **SECTION 4** 

COMMON PROVISIONS ON PUBLIC INTERVENTION AND AID FOR PRIVATE STORAGE AND FOR THE SYSTEM TO COORDINATE TEMPORARY WITHDRAWALS FROM THE MARKET

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# Proposal for a regulation Article 18

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 18

# Delegated powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 9 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account the specificities of the different sectors, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt the requirements and conditions to be met by products bought-in under public intervention and stored under the system of granting an aid for private storage, in addition to the requirements laid down in this Regulation. Those requirements and conditions shall aim at guaranteeing the eligibility and quality of the products bought-in and stored, with respect to quality groups, quality grades, categories, quantities, packaging, labelling, maximum ages, preservation, the stage of the products to which the public intervention price and the aid for private storage applies.
- 3. Taking into account the specificities of the cereals and paddy rice sectors, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt the price increases or reductions for quality reasons referred to in Article 14(3) as regards both buying-in and sales of common wheat, barley, maize and paddy rice.

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- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 9 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account the specificities of the different sectors, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt the requirements and conditions to be met by products bought-in under public intervention and stored under the system of granting an aid for private storage, in addition to the requirements laid down in this Regulation. Those requirements and conditions shall aim at guaranteeing the eligibility and quality of the products bought-in and stored, with respect to quality groups, quality grades, categories, quantities, packaging, labelling, maximum ages, preservation, the stage of the products to which the public intervention price and the aid for private storage applies.
- 3. Taking into account the specificities of the cereals and paddy rice sectors, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt the price increases or reductions for quality reasons referred to in Article 14(3) as regards both buying-in and sales of common wheat, *durum wheat*, *sorghum*, barley, maize and paddy rice.
- 3a. Taking into account the particular seasonal and/or the specific nature of certain farms in some Member States or

- 4. Taking into account the specificities of the beef and veal sector, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt rules concerning the obligation for the paying agencies to have all the beef boned after the take-over and prior to the placing into storage.
- 5. Taking into account the diversity of situations relating to the storage of intervention stocks in the Union and ensuring adequate access to public intervention for operators, the Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, adopt:
- (a) the requirements to be met by intervention storage places for the products to be bought-in under the system, rules on minimum storage capacity for the storage places and technical requirements for keeping products taken-over in good condition and for their disposal at the end of the storage period;
- (b) rules on sale of small quantities remaining in storage in the Member States, to be carried out under their responsibility, by applying the same procedures as those applied by the Union; and rules for direct sale of quantities which may no longer be repackaged or are deteriorated;
- (c) rules on storage of products inside and outside the Member State responsible for them and for treatment of such products as regards customs duties and any other amounts to be granted or levied under the CAP.
- 6. Taking into account the need to ensure that aid for private storage has the desired

- regions, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, setting different objective conditions and governing factors that justify the triggering of private storage.
- 4. Taking into account the specificities of the beef and veal sector, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt rules concerning the obligation for the paying agencies to have all the beef boned after the take-over and prior to the placing into storage.
- 5. Taking into account the diversity of situations relating to the storage of intervention stocks in the Union and ensuring adequate access to public intervention for operators, the Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, adopt:
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- (b) rules on sale of small quantities remaining in storage in the Member States, to be carried out under their responsibility, by applying the same procedures as those applied by the Union; and rules for direct sale of quantities which may no longer be repackaged or are deteriorated;
- (c) rules on storage of products inside and outside the Member State responsible for them and for treatment of such products as regards customs duties and any other amounts to be granted or levied under the CAP.
- (ca) the conditions according to which it may be decided that products covered by private storage contracts may be remarketed or disposed of;
- 6. Taking into account the need to ensure that aid for private storage has the desired

- effect on the market, the Commission, by means of delegated acts:
- (a) shall adopt measures for reducing the amount of aid to be paid where the quantity stored is lower than the contracted quantity;
- (b) may lay down conditions for granting of an advance payment.
- 7. Taking into account the rights and obligations of operators participating in public intervention or private storage, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt rules on:
- (a) the use of tendering procedures guaranteeing equal access to goods and equal treatment of operators;
- (b) eligibility of operators;
- (c) the obligation to lodge a security guaranteeing the execution of operators' obligations.

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- (a) the use of tendering procedures guaranteeing equal access to goods and equal treatment of operators;
- (b) eligibility of operators;
- (c) the obligation to lodge a security guaranteeing the execution of operators' obligations.
- 7a. Taking into account the technical developments and the needs of the sectors, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 adapting and updating the provisions on the classification, identification and presentation of adult bovine carcasses, pig carcasses and sheep carcasses laid down in Annex IIIa.
- 7b. Taking into account the need to standardise the presentation of the different products for the purposes of improving market transparency, price recording and the application of the market intervention arrangements in the form of public intervention and private storage in the beef and veal, pig-meat and sheep-meat sectors as applicable, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts:
- (a) laying down provisions on the classification, grading (including by automated grading techniques), presentation, lean-meat content,

identification and weighing and marking of carcasses;

- (b) laying down rules on the calculation of average Union prices and the obligations on operators to submit information on beef, pig and sheep carcasses, in particular as regards market and representative prices.
- 7c. Taking into account the special characteristics existing within the Union, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts laying down derogations from the provisions, in particular:
- (a) providing for derogations which may be granted by Member States to slaughterhouses in which few bovine animals are slaughtered;
- (b) authorising Member States not to make application of the grading scale for pig carcase classification and to use assessment criteria in addition to weight and estimated lean-meat content.
- 7d. Taking into account the need to ensure that the Union inspection committee fulfils its objectives, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts laying down the responsibilities and the composition of that committee.
- 8. Taking into account the need to standardise the presentation of the different products for the purposes of improving market transparency, price recording and the application of the market intervention arrangements in the form of public intervention and aid for private storage, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt Union scales for the classification of carcasses in the following sectors:
- (a) beef and veal;
- (b) pigmeat;

# (c) sheepmeat and goatmeat.

9. Taking into account the need to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the classification of carcasses, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, provide for the review of the application of classification of carcasses in Member States by a Union committee composed of experts from the Commission and experts appointed by the Member States. Those provisions may provide for the Union to bear the costs resulting from the review activity.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 122**

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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- 9a. Given the need to ensure the proper functioning of the system to coordinate temporary withdrawals from the market, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, laying down the requirements to be met by the system, including in particular:
- (a) the general conditions governing its activation and the way it operates;
- (b) the obligations which associations of producer organisations must fulfil to enable the system to be implemented;
- (c) the rules governing its funding, and in particular the conditions subject to which the Commission is to decide that Community funding in the form of aid for private storage may or may not be granted to associations of producer organisations;
- (d) rules to ensure that there is no possibility of an excessive percentage of products normally available being

Or. en

#### **Amendment 123**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 19

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 19

Implementing powers in accordance with the examination procedure

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary measures aiming at reaching a uniform application of this Chapter throughout the Union. Those rules may, in particular, concern the following:

- (a) the representative periods, markets *and* market prices necessary for the application of this Chapter;
- (b) the procedures and conditions for the delivery of the products to be bought-in under public intervention, the transport costs to be borne by the offerer, the taking over of the products by paying agencies and the payment;
- (c) the different operations connected with the boning process for the beef and veal sector;
- (d) any authorisation of storage outside the territory of the Member State where the products have been bought-in and stored;
- (e) the conditions for the sale or disposal of products bought-in under public intervention, in particular, regarding selling prices, the conditions for removal from storage, the subsequent use or destination

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### Article 19

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The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary measures aiming at reaching a uniform application of this Chapter throughout the Union. Those rules may, in particular, concern the following:

- (a) the representative periods, markets, market prices *and profit margin trends* necessary for the application of this Chapter;
- (b) the procedures and conditions for the delivery of the products to be bought-in under public intervention, the transport costs to be borne by the offerer, the taking over of the products by paying agencies and the payment;
- (c) the different operations connected with the boning process for the beef and veal sector;
- (d) any authorisation of storage outside the territory of the Member State where the products have been bought-in and stored;
- (e) the conditions for the sale or disposal of products bought-in under public intervention, in particular, regarding selling prices, the conditions for removal from storage, the subsequent use or destination

- of products released, including procedures relating to products made available for use in the scheme for food distribution to the most deprived in the Union, including transfers between Member States;
- (f) the conclusion and the content of contracts between the competent authority of the Member State and the applicants;
- (g) the placing and keeping in private storage and removal from storage;
- (h) the duration of the private storage period and the conditions according to which such periods, once specified in the contracts, may be curtailed or extended;
- (i) the conditions according to which it may be decided that products covered by private storage contracts may be remarketed or disposed of;
- (j) the rules relating to the procedures to be followed for buying-in at a fixed price or for granting the aid for private storage at a fixed price;
- (k) the use of tendering procedures, both for public intervention and for private storage, in particular concerning:
- (i) the submission of offers or tenders, and the minimum quantity for an application or submission and
- (ii) selection of offers ensuring that preference is given to those which are most favourable to the Union whilst permitting that the award of a contract shall not necessarily ensue.

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- (g) the placing and keeping in private storage and removal from storage;
- (h) the duration of the private storage period and the conditions according to which such periods, once specified in the contracts, may be curtailed or extended;
- (j) the rules relating to the procedures to be followed for buying-in at a fixed price or for granting the aid for private storage at a fixed price;
- (k) the use of tendering procedures, both for public intervention and for private storage, in particular concerning:
- (i) the submission of offers or tenders, and the minimum quantity for an application or submission and
- (ii) selection of offers ensuring that preference is given to those which are most favourable to the Union whilst permitting that the award of a contract shall not necessarily ensue.
- (ka) the practical rules for the marking of classified carcasses;
- (kb) the implementation of Union scales for the classification of beef, pig and sheep carcasses in particular as regards:
- (i) the communication of classification results,
- (ii) checks, inspection reports and followup actions;

(kc) on-the-spot inspections in relation to the classification and price reporting of carcasses of adult bovine animals and sheep on behalf of the Union by Union inspection committee;

(kd) the practical rules for the calculation, by the Commission, of the weighted average Union price for beef, pig and sheep carcasses;

(ke) the procedures to determine qualified classifiers of carcasses of adult bovines and sheep by Member States.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

**Amendment 124** 

Proposal for a regulation Part II – Title I – Chapter II – Section 1

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in accordance with the examination

procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Section 1

SCHEMES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO FOOD

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Section 1

SCHEMES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO FOOD AND IMPROVE CHILDREN'S EATING HABITS

Article 20 a

Target group

Aid schemes intended to improve access to food and to improve children's eating habits are aimed at children who regularly attend primary or secondary-level educational establishments and nurseries, pre-school or other establishments offering extracurricular activities which are administered or recognised by the competent authorities of Member States.

Or. en

# Proposal for a regulation Part 2 – title 1 – chapter 2 – section 1 – subsection 1 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

SUBSECTION 1 SCHOOL FRUIT

# SUBSECTION 1 SCHOOL FRUIT *AND VEGETABLES*SCHEME

Or. en

#### **Amendment 126**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 21

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 21

Aid for the supply of fruit and *vegetable*, processed fruit and *vegetable* and banana products to children

- 1. Under conditions to be determined by the Commission by means of delegated and implementing acts pursuant to Articles 22 and 23, Union aid shall be granted for:
- (a) the supply to children in *educational* establishments, *including nurseries*, *other pre-school establishments*, *primary and secondary schools*, of products of the fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, and bananas sectors; and
- (b) certain related costs linked to logistics and distribution, equipment, publicity, monitoring, evaluation and accompanying measures.
- 2. Member States wishing to participate in the scheme shall draw up, at national or regional level, a prior strategy for *the* implementation *of the scheme*. They shall

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- 1. Under conditions to be determined by the Commission by means of delegated and implementing acts pursuant to Articles 22 and 23, Union aid shall be granted for:
- (a) the supply to children in *the* establishments *referred to in Article 20a* of products of the fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, and bananas sectors; and
- (b) certain related costs linked to logistics and distribution, equipment, publicity, monitoring, evaluation and accompanying measures.
- 2. Member States wishing to participate in the scheme shall draw up, at national or regional level, a prior strategy for *its* implementation. They shall also provide

also provide for the accompanying measures necessary to make the scheme effective.

- 3. When drawing up their strategies, Member States shall draw up a list of products of the fruit and vegetables. processed fruit and vegetables, and bananas sectors that will be eligible under their respective schemes. This list, however, shall not include products excluded by the measures adopted by the Commission by means of delegated acts pursuant to point (a) of Article 22(2). Member States shall choose their products on the basis of objective criteria which may include seasonality, availability of produce or environmental concerns. In this connection, Member States may give preference to products originating in the Union.
- 4. The Union aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall neither:
- (a) exceed EUR 150 million per school year; nor
- (b) exceed 75 % of the costs of supply and related costs referred to in paragraph 1, or 90 % of such costs in less developed regions *and* in the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty; nor
- (c) cover costs other than the costs of supply and related costs referred to in paragraph 1.

- for the accompanying measures, which may include information on measures for education about healthy eating habits, about local food chains and about combating food wastage that are necessary to make the scheme effective.
- 3. When drawing up their strategies, Member States shall draw up a list of products of the fruit and vegetables. processed fruit and vegetables, and bananas sectors that will be eligible under their respective schemes. This list, however, shall not include products excluded by the measures adopted by the Commission by means of delegated acts pursuant to point (a) of Article 22(2). Member States shall choose their products on the basis of objective criteria which may include the health and environmental benefits, seasonality, variety, or availability of produce, giving priority to local food chains. In this connection, Member States *shall* give preference to products originating in the Union.
- 4. The Union aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall neither:
- (a) exceed EUR 150 million per school year; nor
- (b) exceed 75 % of the costs of supply and related costs referred to in paragraph 1, or 90 % of such costs in less developed regions in the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty and in the small Aegean islands, as defined in Article 1(2), of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006; nor
- (c) cover costs other than the costs of supply and related costs referred to in paragraph 1.
- 4a. The Union aid provided for in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to each Member State on the basis of objective criteria based on the proportion of six to ten year old children enrolled with the educational establishments defined in

- 5. Union aid provided for in paragraph 1 shall not be used to replace funding for any existing national school fruit schemes or other school distribution schemes that include fruit. However, if a Member State already has a scheme in place that would be eligible for Union aid under this Article and intends to extend it or make it more effective, including as regards the target group of the scheme, its duration or eligible products, Union aid may be granted provided that the limits of point (b) of paragraph 4 are abided by as regards the proportion of Union aid to the total national contribution. In this case, the Member State shall indicate in its implementation strategy how it intends to extend its scheme or make it more effective
- 6. Member States may, in addition to Union aid, grant national aid in accordance with Article 152
- 7. The Union School Fruit Scheme shall be without prejudice to any separate national school fruit schemes which are compatible with Union law.
- 8. The Union may also finance, under Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No [...] on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy, information, monitoring and evaluation measures relating to the School Fruit Scheme, including raising public awareness of it, and related networking measures.

- Article 20a. However, Member States participating in the scheme shall each receive at least EUR 175 000 of Union aid. They shall request Union aid every year on the basis of their strategy. Following the requests of the Member States, the Commission shall decide on definitive allocations, within the appropriations available in the budget.
- 5. Union aid provided for in paragraph 1 shall not be used to replace funding for any existing national school fruit and vegetables schemes or other school distribution schemes that include fruit and vegetables. However, if a Member State already has a scheme in place that would be eligible for Union aid under this Article and intends to extend it or make it more effective, including as regards the target group of the scheme, its duration or eligible products, Union aid may be granted provided that the limits of point (b) of paragraph 4 are abided by as regards the proportion of Union aid to the total national contribution. In this case, the Member State shall indicate in its implementation strategy how it intends to extend its scheme or make it more effective.
- 6. Member States may, in addition to Union aid, grant national aid in accordance with Article 152.
- 7. The Union School Fruit *and Vegetables* Scheme shall be without prejudice to any separate national school fruit *and vegetables* schemes which are compatible with Union law.
- 8. The Union may also finance, under Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No [...] on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy, information, monitoring and evaluation measures relating to the School Fruit *and Vegetables* Scheme, including raising public awareness of it, and related networking measures.

8a. Member States participating in the scheme shall publicise, at the places where the food is distributed, their involvement in the aid scheme and the fact that it is subsidised by the Union.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 127**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 22

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 22

### Delegated powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 4 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account the need to *promote the healthy eating habits of children*, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt rules on:
- (a) the products that are ineligible for the scheme, taking into account nutritional aspects;
- (b) the target group of the scheme;
- (c) the national or regional strategies that Member States must draw up in order to benefit from the aid, including the accompanying measures;
- (d) the approval and selection of aid applicants.
- 3. Taking into account the need to ensure the efficient and targeted use of European Funds, the Commission may by means of delegated acts, adopt rules on:
- (a) objective criteria for the allocation of aid between Member States, the indicative

#### Amendment

#### Article 22

### Delegated powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 4 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account the need to *ensure* the effectiveness of the scheme in achievingthe objectives which are set for it, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt rules on:
- (a) the products that are ineligible for the scheme, taking into account nutritional aspects;
- (b) the target group of the scheme;
- (c) the national or regional strategies that Member States must draw up in order to benefit from the aid, including the accompanying measures;
- (d) the approval and selection of aid applicants.
- 3. Taking into account the need to ensure the efficient and targeted use of European Funds, the Commission may by means of delegated acts, adopt rules on:
- (a) *additional* criteria for the indicative allocation of aid between Member States

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- allocation of aid between Member States and the method for reallocating aid between Member States based on applications received;
- (b) the costs eligible for aid, including the possibility of fixing an overall ceiling for such costs;
- (c) monitoring and evaluation.
- 4. Taking into account the need to promote awareness of the scheme the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, *require participating* Member States *to* publicise *the subsidising role of the scheme*.

- and the method for reallocating aid between Member States based on *aid* applications received;
- (b) the costs eligible for aid, including the possibility of fixing an overall ceiling for such costs;
- (c) monitoring and evaluation.
- 4. Taking into account the need to promote awareness of the scheme the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, *specify the conditions in accordance with which* Member States *shall publicise their participation in the aid scheme and the fact that it is subsidised by the Union*.

Or en

#### Amendment 128

# Proposal for a regulation Article 23

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 23

Implementing powers in accordance with the examination procedure

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt *all* necessary measures related to this Subsection as regards, *in particular*:

- (a) the definitive allocation of aid between participating Member States within the appropriations available in the budget;
- (b) the aid applications and payments;
- (c) the methods of publicising, and networking measures in respect of, the scheme.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

# Amendment

#### Article 23

Implementing powers in accordance with the examination procedure

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt *the* necessary measures related to this Subsection as regards:

- (a) the definitive allocation of aid between participating Member States within the appropriations available in the budget;
- (b) the aid applications and payments;
- (c) the methods of publicising, and networking measures in respect of, the scheme.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

# Proposal for a regulation Article 24

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 24

Supply of milk products to children

- 1. Union aid shall be granted for supplying to children in *educational* establishments *certain products of the* milk and milk products *sector*.
- 2. Member States, at national or regional level, wishing to participate in the scheme shall draw up a prior strategy for its implementation.

### Amendment

#### Article 24

*Aid for the* supply of *milk and* milk products to children

- 1. Under conditions to be determined by the Commission by means of delegated acts and implementing acts pursuant to Articles 25 and 26, Union aid shall be granted for supplying to children in the establishments referred to in Article 20a milk and milk products falling within CN codes 0401, 0403, 0404 90 and 0406 or CN code 2202 90.
- 2. Member States, at national or regional level, wishing to participate in the scheme shall draw up a prior strategy for its implementation. They shall also provide for the accompanying measures, which may include information on measures for education about healthy eating habits, about local food chains and about combating food wastage, that are necessary to make the programme effective.
- 2a. When drawing up their strategies, Member States shall draw up a list of milk and milk products that will be eligible under their respective schemes, in accordance with the rules adopted by the Commission pursuant to Article 25.
- 2b. Union aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be used to replace funding for any existing national milk and milk products schemes or other school distribution schemes that include milk or milk products. However, if a Member

3. Member States may, in addition to Union aid, grant national aid in accordance with Article 152.

- State already has a scheme in place that would be eligible for Union aid under this Article and intends to extend it or make it more effective, including as regards the target group of the scheme, its duration or eligible products, Union aid may be granted. In this case, the Member State shall indicate in its implementation strategy how it intends to extend its scheme or make it more effective.
- 3. Member States may, in addition to Union aid, grant national aid in accordance with Article 152.
- 3a. The Union school milk and milk products scheme shall be without prejudice to any separate national school schemes to encourage the consumption of milk and milk products that are compatible with Union law.
- 4. Measures on fixing the Union aid for all milk shall be taken by the Council in accordance with Article 43(3) of the Treaty.
- 5. The Union aid provided for in paragraph 1 shall be granted on a maximum quantity of 0,25 litre of milk equivalent per child and per school day.
- 5. The Union aid provided for in paragraph 1 shall be granted on a maximum quantity of 0,25 litre of milk equivalent per child and per school day.
- 5a. Member States participating in the scheme shall publicise, at the places where the food is distributed, their involvement in the aid scheme and the fact that it is subsidised by the Union.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 130**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 25

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 25

Amendment

Article 25

# Delegated powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 4 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account of the evolution in the dairy products consumption patterns and of the innovations and developments on the dairy products market, and taking into account nutritional aspects, the Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, determine the products that are eligible for the scheme and adopt rules on the national or regional strategies that Member States must draw up in order to benefit from the aid and the target group for the scheme.

3. Taking into account the need to ensure that the appropriate beneficiaries and applicants qualify for the aid, the Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, adopt the conditions for granting aid.

Taking into account the need to ensure that applicants respect their obligations, the Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, adopt measures on the lodging of a security guaranteeing the execution where an advance of aid is paid.

4. Taking into account the need to promote awareness of the *aid* scheme, the Commission may, by means of delegated

### Delegated powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 4 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account the need to ensure the effectiveness of the scheme in achievingthe objectives which are set for it, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt rules on:

- (a) the products that are eligible for the scheme, in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 24(1) and taking into account nutritional aspects;
- (b) the target group of the scheme;
- (c) the national or regional strategies that Member States must draw up in order to benefit from the aid, including accompanying measures;
- (d) the approval and selection of aid applicants;
- (e) monitoring and evaluation.
- 3. Taking into account the need to ensure that the appropriate beneficiaries and applicants qualify for the aid, the Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, adopt the conditions for granting aid.

Taking into account the need to ensure that applicants respect their obligations, the Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, adopt measures on the lodging of a security guaranteeing the execution where an advance of aid is paid.

4. Taking into account the need to promote awareness of the scheme the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, *specify* 

acts, require educational establishments to communicate the subsidising role of the scheme.

the conditions in accordance with which Member States are to publicise their participation in the aid scheme and the fact that it is subsidised by the Union.

Or. en

### **Amendment 131**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 26

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 26

Implementing powers in accordance with the examination procedure

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt *all* necessary measures as regards, *in particular*:

- (a) procedures to ensure the respect of the maximum quantity eligible for the aid;
- (b) *approval of applicants*, aid applications and payments;
- (c) the methods of publicising the scheme.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Amendment

Article 26

Implementing powers in accordance with the examination procedure

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt *the* necessary measures *relating to this Subsection* as regards:

- (a) procedures to ensure the respect of the maximum quantity eligible for the aid;
- (b) aid applications and payments;
- (c) the methods of publicising the scheme;

(ca) the fixing of aid for all types of milk and milk products, taking into account the need to sufficiently encourage the supply of milk products to the establishments referred to in Article 20a.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

**Amendment 132** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 26 a (new)

#### Article 26 a

### School olive oil and table olives scheme

By...\*, the European Commission shall consider proposing a scheme for olive oil and table olives similar to those promoting the consumption of dairy and fruit and vegetable products in schools. Member States shall be able to decide voluntarily to join such a scheme, thereby benefitting from Union financing of the same order as that of the existing schemes.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 133**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 27

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 27

# Aid to operator organisations

- 1. The Union shall finance three-year work programmes to be drawn up by the operator organisations as defined in Article 109 in one or more of the following areas:
- (a) the improvement of the environmental impacts of olive cultivation;

# Amendment

#### Article 27

# Programmes to support the olive oil and table olives sector

- 1. The Union shall finance three-year work programmes to be drawn up by the *producer organisations recognised under Article 106 or the interbranch organisations recognised under Article 108* in one or more of the following areas:
- (-a) market follow-up and management in the olive oil and table olives sector;
- (a) the improvement of the environmental impacts of olive cultivation;
- (aa) the improvement of the

<sup>\*</sup> OJ, please insert the date one year after the entry into force of this Regulation.

- (b) the improvement of the production quality of olive oil and table olives;
- (c) the traceability system, the certification and protection of the quality of olive oil and table olives, in particular the monitoring of the quality of olive oils sold to final consumers, under the authority of the national administrations
- 2. The Union financing of the work programmes referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:
- (a) EUR 11 098 000 per year for Greece;
- (b) EUR 576 000 per year for France; and
- (c) EUR 35 991 000 per year for Italy.

- 3. The maximum Union funding for the work programmes referred to in paragraph 1 shall be equal to the amounts withheld by the Member States. The maximum funding of the eligible cost shall be:
- (a) 75 % for activities in the areas referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1;
- (b) 75 % for fixed assets investments and 50 % for other activities in the area referred to in point (b) of paragraph 1;
- (c) 75 % for the work programmes carried

# competitiveness of olive cultivation through modernisation and restructuring;

- (b) the improvement of the production quality of olive oil and table olives;
- (c) the traceability system, the certification and protection of the quality of olive oil and table olives, in particular the monitoring of the quality of olive oils sold to final consumers, under the authority of the national administrations.
- (ca) the dissemination of information on measures carried out by producer organisations or interbranch organisations to improve the quality of olive oil and table olives.
- 2. The Union financing of the work programmes referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:
- (a) EUR 11 098 000 per year for Greece;
- (b) EUR 576 000 per year for France; and
- (c) EUR 35 991 000 per year for Italy.
- 2a. Member States other than those listed in paragraph 2 may use all or part of the funding available within the financial limit laid down in Article 14 of Regulation [XXXX/XXXX] of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payment to farmers in order to finance the work programmes referred to in paragraph 1.
- 3. The maximum Union funding for the work programmes referred to in paragraph 1 shall be equal to the amounts withheld by the Member States. The maximum funding of the eligible cost shall be:
- (a) 75 % for activities in the areas referred to in *points (-a)*, (a) *and (aa)* of paragraph 1;
- (b) 75 % for fixed assets investments and 50 % for other activities in the area referred to in point (b) of paragraph 1;
- (c) 75 % for the work programmes carried

out in at least three third countries or nonproducing Member States by approved operator organisations from at least two producer Member States in the areas referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1, and 50 % for the other activities in these areas.

Complementary financing shall be ensured by the Member State up to 50 % of the costs not covered by the Union funding.

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Complementary financing shall be ensured by the Member State up to 50 % of the costs not covered by the Union funding.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 134**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 28

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 28

# Delegated powers

- 1. Taking into account the need to ensure that aid provided for in Article 27 meets its objectives of improving the production quality of olive oil and table olives, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, concerning:
- (a) conditions for the approval of operator organisations for the purposes of the aid scheme, and for the suspension or withdrawal of such approval;
- (b) measures eligible for Union financing;
- (c) allocation of Union financing to particular measures;
- (d) activities and costs that are not eligible for Union financing;
- (e) selection and approval of work programmes.
- 2. Taking into account the need to ensure

### Amendment

#### Article 28

# Delegated powers

- 1. Taking into account the need to ensure that aid provided for in Article 27 meets its objectives of improving the production quality of olive oil and table olives, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, concerning:
- (b) *the details of* measures eligible for Union financing;
- (c) allocation of Union financing to particular measures;
- (d) activities and costs that are not eligible for Union financing;
- (e) selection and approval of work programmes.
- 2. Taking into account the need to ensure

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that operators respect their obligations, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to require the lodging of a security where an advance payment of aid is made.

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 135**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 30

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 30

# Operational funds

- 1. Producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector may set up an operational fund. The fund shall be financed by:
- (a) financial contributions of members or of the producer organisation itself;

- (b) Union financial assistance which may be granted to producer organisations in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in delegated and implementing acts adopted by the Commission pursuant to Articles 35 and 36.
- 2. Operational funds shall be used only to finance operational programmes that have been submitted to and approved by Member States.

#### Amendment

#### Article 30

# Operational funds

- 1. Producer organisations *and/or their associations* in the fruit and vegetables sector may set up a *three to five-year* operational fund. The fund shall be financed by:
- (a) financial contributions from:
- (i) members of the producer organisation and/or the producer organisation itself; or
- (ii) associations of producer organisations through the members of these associations.
- (b) Union financial assistance which may be granted to producer organisations, or to associations thereof, where those associations present, manage and implement an operational programme, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in delegated and implementing acts adopted by the Commission pursuant to Articles 35 and 36.
- 2. Operational funds shall be used only to finance operational programmes that have been submitted to and approved by Member States.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 31

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 31

# Operational programmes

- 1. Operational programmes in the fruit and vegetables sector shall have at least two of the objectives referred to in Article 106(c) or the following objectives:
- (a) planning of production;
- (b) improvement of product quality;
- (c) boosting products' commercial value;
- (d) promotion of the products, whether in a fresh or processed form;
- (e) environmental measures and methods of production respecting the environment, including organic farming;
- (f) crisis prevention and management.

Operational programmes shall be submitted to the Member States for their approval.

#### Amendment

#### Article 31

# Operational programmes

- 1. Operational programmes in the fruit and vegetables sector shall have at least two of the objectives referred to in Article 106(c) or *two of* the following objectives:
- (a) planning of production;
- (b) improvement of product quality, whether in a fresh or processed form;
- (c) boosting products' commercial value;
- (d) promotion of the products, whether in a fresh or processed form;
- (e) environmental measures, particularly those relating to water, and methods of production, handling, manufacturing or processing respecting the environment, including organic farming and integrated production;
- (f) crisis prevention and management.

Operational programmes shall be submitted to the Member States for their approval.

1a. Associations of producer organisations may stand in for their members for the purpose of managing, processing, implementing and presenting operational programmes.

Such associations may also present a partial operational programme composed of measures identified, but not carried out, by member organisations under their operational programmes. These partial operational programmes shall be subject

to the same rules as other operational programmes and shall be considered at the same time as the operational programmes of member organisations.

To that end, the Member States shall ensure that:

- (a) measures under partial operational programmes are entirely financed by the contributions of the member organisations of the association in question and that this funding is collected from the operational funds of those member organisations;
- (b) the measures and their corresponding financial share are identified in the operational programme of each member organisation;
- (c) there is no duplication of funding.
- 2. Crisis prevention and management referred to in point (f) of paragraph 1 shall be related to avoiding and dealing with crises on the fruit and vegetable markets and shall cover in this context:
- (a) production and consumption forecasting and follow-up;
- (b) investments making the management of the volumes placed on the market more efficient;
- (c) training measures, exchanges of best practice and structural capacity building;
- (d) promotion and communication, whether for prevention or during the crisis period;
- (e) support for the administrative costs of setting up mutual funds;
- (f) grubbing-up aid for the reconversion of orchards;
- (g) market withdrawal, also for products that are processed by producer organisations;
- (h) green harvesting or non-harvesting of fruit and vegetables;

- 2. Crisis prevention and management referred to in point (f) of paragraph 1 shall be related to avoiding and dealing with crises on the fruit and vegetable markets and shall cover in this context:
- (a) market withdrawal;
- (b) green harvesting or non-harvesting of fruit and vegetables;
- (c) promotion and communication;
- (d) training measures;
- (e) harvest insurance;
- (f) support for the administrative costs of setting up mutual funds.

Crisis prevention and management measures, including any repayment of capital and interest as referred to in the *third* subparagraph, shall not comprise more than *one-third* of the expenditure under the operational programme.

Producer organisations may take out loans on commercial terms for financing crisis prevention and management measures. In that case, the repayment of the capital and interest on those loans may form part of the operational programme and so may be eligible for Union financial assistance under Article 32. Any specific action under crisis prevention and management *shall* be financed either by such loans, or directly, *but not both*.

### (i) harvest insurance.

Crisis prevention and management measures, including any repayment of capital and interest as referred to in the *fourth* subparagraph, shall not comprise more than 40 % of the expenditure under the operational programme.

Harvest insurance actions shall include measures which contribute to safeguarding producers' incomes and to covering market losses incurred by producer organisations and/or their members where these incomes are affected by natural disasters, adverse climatic events, diseases or pest infestations. The beneficiaries must prove that they have taken the necessary risk prevention measures.

Producer organisations may take out loans on commercial terms for financing crisis prevention and management measures. In that case, the repayment of the capital and interest on those loans may form part of the operational programme and so may be eligible for Union financial assistance under Article 32. Any specific action under crisis prevention and management *may* be financed either by such loans *and*/or directly *by producer organisations*.

# 2a. For the purposes of this section:

- (a) "green harvesting" means the total or partial harvesting of non-marketable products on a given area carried out before the beginning of the normal harvest. The products concerned shall not have been already damaged prior to the green harvesting, whether due to climatic reasons or disease or otherwise.
- (b) "non-harvesting" means the situation where all or part of commercial production is not taken from the area concerned during the normal production cycle. The destruction of products due to a climatic event or disease shall not be considered to be non-harvesting;

- 3. Member States shall ensure that:
- (a) operational programmes include two or more environmental actions; or
- (b) at least 10 % of the expenditure under operational programmes covers environmental actions.

Environmental actions shall respect the requirements for agri-environment payments laid down in Article 29(3) of Regulation (EU) No [...] on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

Where at least 80 % of the producer members of a producer organisation are subject to one or more identical agrienvironment commitments provided for in Article 29(3) of Regulation (EU) No [...] on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) then each one of those commitments shall count as an environmental action as referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph.

Support for the environmental actions referred to in the first subparagraph shall cover additional costs and income foregone resulting from the action.

4. Member States shall ensure that investments which increase environmental pressure shall only be permitted in situations where effective safeguards to protect the environment from these pressures are in place.

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4. Member States shall ensure that investments which increase environmental pressure shall only be permitted in situations where effective safeguards to protect the environment from these pressures are in place.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 137**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 32

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 32

# Union financial assistance

- 1. The Union financial assistance shall be equal to the amount of the financial contributions referred to in point (a) of Article 30(1) as actually paid and limited to 50 % of the actual expenditure incurred.
- 2. The Union financial assistance shall be limited to 4,1 % of the value of the marketed *production of* each producer organisation.

However, that percentage may be increased to 4,6 % of the value of the marketed *production* provided that the amount in excess of 4,1 % of the value of the marketed *production* is used solely for crisis prevention and management measures.

3. At the request of a producer organisation, the 50 % limit provided for in paragraph 1 shall be increased to 60 % for an operational programme or part of an operational programme where it meets at least one of the following conditions:

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#### Article 32

# Union financial assistance

- 1. The Union financial assistance shall be equal to the amount of the financial contributions referred to in point (a) of Article 30(1) as actually paid and limited to 50 % of the actual expenditure incurred or 75 % in the case of the outermost regions.
- 2. The Union financial assistance shall be limited to 4,1 % of the value of the *fresh or processed products* marketed *by* each producer organisation *and/or of their association*.

However, that percentage may be increased to 4,6 % of the value of the *fresh or processed products* marketed *by the producer organisation* provided that the amount in excess of 4,1 % of the value of the *fresh or processed products* marketed is used solely for crisis prevention and management measures.

In the case of associations of producer organisations, this percentage may be increased to 5 % of the value of the fresh or processed products marketed by the association or by its members, provided that the amount in excess of 4,1 % of the value of the fresh or processed products marketed is used solely for crisis prevention and management measures implemented by that association of producer organisations on behalf of its members.

3. At the request of a producer organisation, the 50% limit provided for in paragraph 1 shall be increased to 60% for an operational programme or part of an operational programme where it meets at least one of the following conditions:

- (a) it is submitted by several Union producer organisations operating in different Member States on transnational schemes:
- (b) it is submitted by one or more producer organisations engaged in schemes operated on an interbranch basis;
- (c) it covers solely specific support for the production of organic products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007;
- (d) it is the first to be submitted by a recognised producer organisation which has merged with another recognised producer organisation;
- (e) it is the first to be submitted by a recognised association of producer organisations
- (f) it is submitted by producer organisations in Member States where producer organisations market less than 20 % of fruit and vegetables production;
- (g) it is submitted by a producer organisation in one of the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty;
- (h) it covers solely specific support for actions to promote the consumption of fruit and vegetables targeted at children in educational establishments.
- 4. The 50 % limit provided for in paragraph 1 shall be increased to 100 % in the case of market withdrawals of fruit and vegetables which shall not exceed 5 % of the volume of marketed production of each producer organisation and which are disposed of by way of:
- (a) free distribution to charitable

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- (b) it is submitted by one or more producer organisations engaged in schemes operated on an interbranch basis;
- (c) it covers solely specific support for the production of organic products covered by Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007;
- (d) it is the first to be submitted by a recognised producer organisation which has merged with another recognised producer organisation;
- (da) the programme is presented by several recognised producer organisations grouped together in a joint marketing subsidiary;
- (e) it is the first to be submitted by a recognised association of producer organisations;
- (f) it is submitted by producer organisations in Member States where producer organisations market less than 20 % of fruit and vegetables production;
- (g) it is submitted by a producer organisation in one of the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty or in the small Aegean islands, as defined in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006;
- 4. The 50 % limit provided for in paragraph 1 shall be increased to 100 % in the case of market withdrawals of fruit and vegetables which shall not exceed 5 % of the volume of marketed production of each producer organisation and which are disposed of by way of:
- (a) free distribution to charitable

organisations and foundations, approved to that effect by the Member States, for use in their activities to assist persons whose right to public assistance is recognised in national law, in particular because they lack the necessary means of subsistence;

(b) free distribution to penal institutions, schools and public education institutions and to children's holiday camps as well as to hospitals and old people's homes designated by the Member States, which shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the quantities thus distributed are additional to the quantities normally bought in by such establishments.

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(b) free distribution to penal institutions, schools and *the establishments referred to in Article 20a* and to children's holiday camps as well as to hospitals and old people's homes designated by the Member States, which shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the quantities thus distributed are additional to the quantities normally bought in by such establishments.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 138**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 34

Text proposed by the Commission

# Article 34

National framework and national strategy for operational programmes

1. Member States shall establish a national framework for drawing up general conditions relating to the environmental actions referred to in Article 31(3). This framework shall provide in particular that such actions shall meet the appropriate requirements of Regulation (EU) No [...] on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) in particular those of its Article 6 on consistency.

Member States shall submit their proposed framework to the Commission which, by means of implementing acts, may require modifications within three months if it finds that the proposal would not

#### Amendment

# Article 34

National framework and national strategy for operational programmes

1. Member States shall establish a national framework for drawing up general conditions relating to the environmental actions referred to in Article 31(3). This framework shall provide in particular that such actions shall meet the appropriate requirements of Regulation (EU) No [...] on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) in particular those of its Article 6 on consistency.

Member States shall submit their proposed framework to the Commission which may adopt implementing acts, without the application of Article 162(2) or (3), requiring modifications within three

contribute to the pursuit of the objectives set out in Article 191 of the Treaty and in the seventh Union environment action programme. Investments on individual holdings supported by operational programmes shall also respect those objectives.

- 2. Each Member State shall establish a national strategy for sustainable operational programmes in the fruit and vegetable market. Such a strategy shall include:
- (a) an analysis of the situation in terms of strengths and weaknesses and the potential for development;
- (b) justification of the priorities chosen;
- (c) the objectives of operational programmes and instruments, and performance indicators;
- (d) assessment of operational programmes;
- (e) reporting obligations for producer organisations.

The national strategy shall also integrate the national framework referred to in paragraph 1.

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to Member States which have no recognised producer organisations.

months if it finds that the proposal would not contribute to the pursuit of the objectives set out in Article 191 of the Treaty and in the seventh Union environment action programme. Investments on individual holdings supported by operational programmes shall also respect those objectives.

- 2. Each Member State shall establish a national strategy for sustainable operational programmes in the fruit and vegetable market. Such a strategy shall include:
- (a) an analysis of the situation in terms of strengths and weaknesses and the potential for development;
- (b) justification of the priorities chosen;
- (c) the objectives of operational programmes and instruments, and performance indicators;
- (d) assessment of operational programmes;
- (e) reporting obligations for producer organisations.

The national strategy shall also integrate the national framework referred to in paragraph 1.

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to Member States which have no recognised producer organisations.

Or. en

### Amendment 139

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 34a National network

- 1. Member States may establish a national fruit and vegetables network gathering the producer organisations, the associations of producer organisations and the authorities involved in implementing the national strategy.
- 2. The network shall be financed by a maximum levy of 0,5 % of the Union share of the financing of operational funds.
- 3. The aim of this network shall be to manage the network, to examine transferable good practices and gather the relevant information, to organise conferences and seminars for those involved in managing the national strategy, to conduct programmes to monitor and assess the national strategy and to carry out other activities identified by the national strategy.

Or. en

#### Amendment 140

# Proposal for a regulation Article 35

Text proposed by the Commission

# Article 35

# Delegated powers

Taking into account the need to ensure an efficient, targeted and sustainable support of producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 establishing rules on:

- (a) operational funds and operational programmes, concerning:
- (i) the estimated amounts, financing and use of operational funds;

### Amendment

#### Article 35

### Delegated powers

Taking into account the need to ensure an efficient, targeted and sustainable support of producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 establishing rules on:

- (a) operational funds and operational programmes, concerning:
- (i) the estimated amounts, financing and use of operational funds;

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- (ii) the content, duration, approval and modification of operational programmes;
- (iii) the eligibility of measures, actions or expenditure under an operational programme and respective complementary national rules;
- (iv) the relationship between operational programmes and rural development programmes;
- (v) operational programmes of associations of producer organisations;

- (b) the structure and content of a national framework and a national strategy;
- (c) Union financial assistance, concerning:
- (i) the basis for the calculation of Union financial assistance, in particular the value of the marketed production of a producer organisation;
- (ii) applicable reference periods for the calculation of aid;
- (iii) reductions of financial assistance entitlements in case of late submission of aid applications;
- (iv) the provision of advance payments and the lodging and forfeiture of securities in case of advance payments;
- (d) crisis prevention and management measures, concerning:
- (i) the selection of crisis prevention and management measures;

- (ii) the content, duration, approval and modification of operational programmes;
- (iii) the eligibility of measures, actions or expenditure under an operational programme, *rules on investment in individual holdings* and respective complementary national rules;
- (iv) the relationship between operational programmes and rural development programmes;
- (v) operational programmes of associations of producer organisations;
- (va) the specific rules applicable to cases in which associations of producer organisations stand in for their members, wholly or in part, for the purpose of managing, processing, implementing and presenting operational programmes;
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- (c) Union financial assistance, concerning:
- (i) the basis for the calculation of Union financial assistance, in particular the value of the marketed production of a producer organisation;
- (ii) applicable reference periods for the calculation of aid;
- (iii) reductions of financial assistance entitlements in case of late submission of aid applications;
- (iv) the provision of advance payments and the lodging and forfeiture of securities in case of advance payments;
- (iva) the specific rules applicable to the financing of operational programmes of associations of producer organisations, particularly those relating to the ceilings referred to in Article 32(2);
- (d) crisis prevention and management measures, concerning:
- (i) the selection of crisis prevention and management measures;

- (ii) the *definition of* market withdrawal;
- (iii) destinations for withdrawn products;
- (iv) the maximum support for market withdrawals;
- (v) prior notifications in case of market withdrawals:
- (vi) the calculation of the volume of marketed production in case of withdrawals;
- (vii) the display of the European emblem on packages of products for free distribution;
- (viii) the conditions for the recipients of withdrawn products;

# (ix) the definitions of green harvesting and non-harvesting;

- (x) the conditions for the application of green harvesting and non-harvesting;
- (xi) the *objectives of* harvest insurance;

# (xii) the definition of adverse climatic event;

- (xiii) the conditions for support for the administrative cost of setting up mutual funds:
- (e) national financial assistance, concerning:
- (i) the degree of organisation of producers;
- (ii) modifications of operational programmes;
- (iii) reductions of financial assistance entitlements in case of late submission of financial assistance applications;
- (iv) the lodging, releasing and forfeiture of securities in case of advance payments;
- (v) the maximum proportion of union reimbursement of the national financial assistance.

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- (iii) destinations for withdrawn products;
- (iv) the maximum support for market withdrawals;
- (v) prior notifications in case of market withdrawals;
- (vi) the calculation of the volume of marketed production in case of withdrawals;
- (vii) the display of the European emblem on packages of products for free distribution;
- (viii) the conditions for the recipients of withdrawn products;
- (x) the conditions for the application of green harvesting and non-harvesting;
- (xi) the *implementation conditions applicable to* harvest insurance;
- (xiii) the conditions for support for the administrative cost of setting up mutual funds:
- (e) national financial assistance, concerning:
- (i) the degree of organisation of producers;
- (ii) modifications of operational programmes;
- (iii) reductions of financial assistance entitlements in case of late submission of financial assistance applications;
- (iv) the lodging, releasing and forfeiture of securities in case of advance payments;
- (v) the maximum proportion of union reimbursement of the national financial assistance.

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# Proposal for a regulation Article 38

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 38

# Compatibility and consistency

- 1. Support programmes shall be compatible with Union law and consistent with the activities, policies and priorities of the Union.
- 2. Member States shall be responsible for support programmes and ensure that they are internally consistent and drawn up and implemented in an objective manner, taking into account the economic situation of the producers concerned and the need to avoid unjustified unequal treatment between producers.
- 3. No support shall be granted for:
- (a) research projects and measures to support research projects without prejudice to points (d) and (e) of Article 43(3);
- (b) measures contained in Member States' rural development programmes under Regulation (EU) No [...] on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

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Or. en

### Amendment 142

# Proposal for a regulation Article 39

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 39

Submission of support programmes

1. Each producer Member State listed in Annex IV shall submit to the Commission a draft five-year support programme containing at least one of the eligible measures provided in Article 40.

2. Support programmes shall become applicable three months after their submission to the Commission.

However, if the Commission, by means of an implementing act, establishes that the submitted support programme does not comply with the rules laid down in this Section, the Commission shall inform the Member State thereof. In that case, the Member State shall submit a revised support programme to the Commission. The revised support programme shall become applicable two months after its submission unless an incompatibility persists in which case this subparagraph shall apply.

3. Paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to changes in respect of support programmes submitted by Member States.

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Article 39

Submission of support programmes

- 1. Each producer Member State listed in Annex IV shall submit to the Commission a draft five-year support programme containing at least one of the eligible measures provided in Article 40.
- 1a. The support measures in the support programmes shall be drawn up at the geographical level which the Member State deems most appropriate. The Member State shall consult the competent authorities and organisations at the appropriate territorial level on the support programme before submitting it to the Commission.
- 1b. Each Member State shall submit one single draft support programme, which may take into account regional particularities.
- 2. Support programmes shall become applicable three months after their submission to the Commission.

However, if the Commission, by means of an implementing act, establishes that the submitted support programme does not comply with the rules laid down in this Section, the Commission shall inform the Member State thereof. In that case, the Member State shall submit a revised support programme to the Commission. The revised support programme shall become applicable two months after its submission unless an incompatibility persists in which case this subparagraph shall apply.

3. Paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to changes in respect of support programmes submitted by Member States.

## **Amendment 143**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 39 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

## Article 39a

## Content of support programmes

Support programmes shall consist of the following elements:

- (a) a detailed description of the measures proposed as well as their quantified objectives;
- (b) the results of consultations held;
- (c) an appraisal showing the expected technical, economic, environmental and social impact;
- (d) a schedule for implementing the measures;
- (e) a general financing table showing the resources to be deployed and the envisaged indicative allocation of the resources between the measures in accordance with ceilings provided for in Annex IV;
- (f) the criteria and quantitative indicators to be used for monitoring and evaluation as well as the steps taken to ensure that the support programmes are implemented appropriately and effectively; and
- (g) the designation of competent authorities and bodies responsible for implementing the support programme.

Or. en

## Proposal for a regulation Article 40

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 40

Eligible measures

Support programmes may contain only one or more of the following measures:

## (a) Single Payment Scheme support in accordance with Article 42;

- (b) promotion in accordance with Article 43;
- (c) restructuring and conversion of vineyards in accordance with Article 44;
- (d) green harvesting in accordance with Article 45;
- (e) mutual funds in accordance with Article 46;
- (f) harvest insurance in accordance with Article 47;
- (g) investments in accordance with Article 48;
- (h) by-product distillation in accordance with Article 49.

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Article 40

Eligible measures

Support programmes may contain only one or more of the following measures:

- (b) promotion in accordance with Article 43;
- (c) restructuring and conversion of vineyards in accordance with Article 44;
- (d) green harvesting in accordance with Article 45;
- (e) mutual funds in accordance with Article 46;
- (f) harvest insurance in accordance with Article 47;
- (g) investments in accordance with Article 48;
- (h) by-product distillation in accordance with Article 49;
- (ha) research and development pursuant to Article 43a;
- (hb) the support programme for wine growing on steep-slope sites pursuant to Article 44a.

Or. en

**Amendment 145** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 42

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 42 deleted

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## Single Payment Scheme and support to vine-growers

Support programmes may only include support to vine-growers in the form of allocation of payment entitlements decided by Member States by 1 December 2012 under Article 137 of Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799] and under the conditions set out in that Article.

Or. en

#### Amendment 146

## Proposal for a regulation Article 43

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 43

### Promotion in third-countries

- 1. Support under this Article shall cover information or promotion measures concerning Union wines in third countries, thereby improving their competitiveness *in those countries*.
- 2. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply to wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication or wines with an indication of the wine grape variety.
- 3. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 may consist only of:
- (a) public relations, promotion or advertisement measures, in particular highlighting the advantages of the Union products, especially in terms of quality, food safety or environmental *friendliness*;
- (b) participation at events, fairs or exhibitions of international importance;
- (c) information campaigns, in particular on the Union systems covering designations of

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### Article 43

#### Promotion

- 1. Support under this Article shall cover information or promotion measures concerning Union wines *first and foremost* in third countries, *and also on the internal market*, thereby improving their competitiveness.
- 2. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply to wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication or wines with an indication of the wine grape variety.
- 3. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 may consist only of:
- (a) public relations, promotion or advertisement measures, in particular highlighting the advantages of the Union products, especially in terms of quality, food safety or environmental *standards*;
- (b) participation at events, fairs or exhibitions of international importance;
- (c) information campaigns, in particular on the Union systems covering designations of

- origin, geographical indications and organic production;
- (d) studies of new markets, necessary for the expansion of market outlets;
- (e) studies to evaluate the results of the information and promotion measures.
- 4. The Union contribution to promotion activities referred to in paragraph 1 shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible expenditure.

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- (e) studies to evaluate the results of the information and promotion measures.
- 4. The Union contribution to promotion activities referred to in paragraph 1 shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible expenditure.

Or. en

### Amendment 147

Proposal for a regulation Article 43 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 43a

## Research and development

Support for research and development shall make it possible to fund research projects geared, in particular, to improving the quality of products, the environmental impact of production and health safety in the wine sector.

Or. en

## **Amendment 148**

Proposal for a regulation Article 43 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

## Article 43b

Exchanges of best practices with regard to advanced systems of sustainable

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## production

- 1. Support under this article shall cover measures supporting the exchange of best practices with regard to advanced systems of sustainable production and, thereby, enabling farmers to acquire new competencies.
- 2. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply to advanced systems of wine-growing and wine production which increase soil cover, substantially reduce the use of pesticides and chemical fertilisers or increase diversity of varieties and which go beyond the cross-compliance requirements provided for in Title VI of Regulation (EU) No [...] [horizontal CAP Regulation].
- 3. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 may include:
- (a) selecting, describing and publicising best practices with regard to advanced sustainable wine-growing practices;
- (b) providing agricultural training and increasing competencies in relation to advanced sustainable farming systems.

Or. en

## **Amendment 149**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 44

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 44

Restructuring and conversion of vineyards

- 1. The objective of measures relating to the restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall be to increase the competitiveness of wine producers.
- 2. The restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall be supported if Member

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## Article 44

Restructuring and conversion of vineyards

- 1. The objective of measures relating to the restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall be to increase the competitiveness of wine producers.
- 2. The restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall be supported if Member

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States submit the inventory of their production potential in accordance with Article 102(3).

- 3. Support for the restructuring and conversion of vineyards may only cover one or more of the following activities:
- (a) varietal conversion, including by means of grafting-on;
- (b) relocation of vineyards;
- (c) improvements to vineyard management techniques.

The normal renewal of vineyards *which* have come to the end of their natural life shall not be supported.

- 4. Support for the restructuring and conversion of vineyards may only take the following forms:
- (a) compensation to producers for the loss of revenue due to the implementation of the measure:
- (b) contribution to the costs of restructuring and conversion.
- 5. Compensation to producers for the loss of revenue referred to in point (a) of paragraph 4 may cover up to 100 % of the relevant loss and take one of the following forms:
- (a) notwithstanding Subsection II of Section V of Chapter III of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EU) No *[COM(2010)799]* setting out the transitional planting right

States submit the inventory of their production potential in accordance with Article 102(3).

- 3. Support for the restructuring and conversion of vineyards may only cover one or more of the following activities:
- (a) varietal conversion, including by means of grafting-on;
- (b) relocation of vineyards;
- (c) improvements to vineyard management techniques.
- (ca) reducing the use of pesticides;
- (cb) replanting for health reasons, when no technical solution is available to save the production in place.

The normal renewal of vineyards that is, the replanting of the same parcel of land with the same variety according to the same system of vine cultivation, when vines have come to the end of their natural life shall not be supported.

Member States may lay down further specifications, especially as regards the age of the vineyards replaced.

- 4. Support for *improving wine production systems and for* restructuring and conversion of vineyards may only take the following forms:
- (a) compensation to producers for the loss of revenue due to the implementation of the measure:
- (b) contribution to the costs of restructuring and conversion.
- 5. Compensation to producers for the loss of revenue referred to in point (a) of paragraph 4 may cover up to 100 % of the relevant loss and take one of the following forms:
- (a) notwithstanding Subsection II of Section V of Chapter III of Title I of Part II of Regulation *(EC) No 1234/2007* setting out the transitional planting right regime,

regime, the permission for old and new vines to coexist until the end of the transitional regime for a maximum period which shall not exceed three years;

- (b) financial compensation.
- 6. The Union contribution to the actual costs of the restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall not exceed 50 %. In less developed regions the Union contribution to the costs of restructuring and conversion shall not exceed 75 %.

the permission for old and new vines to coexist until the end of the transitional regime for a maximum period which shall not exceed three years;

- (b) financial compensation.
- 6. The Union contribution to the actual costs of the restructuring and conversion of vineyards shall not exceed 50 %. In less developed regions the Union contribution to the costs of restructuring and conversion shall not exceed 75 %.

Or. en

## **Amendment 150**

Proposal for a regulation Article 44 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

## Article 44a

Support programme for wine growing on steep-slope sites

The measures taken as part of the support programme for wine growing on steep-slope sites shall be designed to safeguard wine growing on labour-intensive slope, steep-slope and terrace sites in the long term by improving its competitiveness.

The support may take the form of a flatrate per-hectare payment to be set by the Member State concerned or a modulated payment determined by the steepness of the site.

Or. en

## **Amendment 151**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 45

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 45 Green harvesting

1. For the purposes of this Article, green harvesting shall mean the total destruction or removal of grape bunches while still in their immature stage, thereby reducing the yield of the relevant area to zero.

- 2. Support for green harvesting shall contribute to restoring the balance of supply and demand in the Union wine market in order to prevent market crises.
- 3. Support for green harvesting may be granted as compensation in the form of a flat rate payment per hectare to be determined by the Member State concerned.

The payment shall not exceed 50 % of the sum of the direct costs of the destruction or removal of grape bunches and the loss of revenue related to such destruction or removal.

4. The Member States concerned shall establish a system based on objective criteria to ensure that the green harvesting measure does not lead to compensation of individual wine producers in excess of the ceiling referred to in the second subparagraph of paragraph 3.

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## Article 45 Green harvesting

1. For the purposes of this Article, green harvesting shall mean the total destruction or removal of grape bunches while still in their immature stage, thereby reducing the yield of the relevant area to zero.

Leaving commercial grapes on the plants at the end of the normal production cycle (non-harvesting) shall not be considered to be green harvesting.

- 2. Support for green harvesting shall contribute to *improving the quality of the grapes and to restoring* the balance of supply and demand in the Union wine market in order to prevent market crises.
- 3. Support for green harvesting may be granted as compensation in the form of a flat rate payment per hectare to be determined by the Member State concerned.

The payment shall not exceed 50 % of the sum of the direct costs of the destruction or removal of grape bunches and the loss of revenue related to such destruction or removal.

4. The Member States concerned shall establish a system based on objective criteria to ensure that the green harvesting measure does not lead to compensation of individual wine producers in excess of the ceiling referred to in the second subparagraph of paragraph 3.

Or. en

## **Amendment 152**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 47

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 47

## Harvest insurance

1. Support for harvest insurance shall contribute to safeguarding producers' incomes where these are affected by natural disasters, adverse climatic events, diseases or pest infestations.

- 2. Support for harvest insurance may be granted in the form of a Union financial contribution which shall not exceed:
- (a) 80 % of the cost of the insurance premiums paid for by producers for insurance against losses resulting from adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters;
- (b) 50 % of the cost of the insurance premiums paid for by producers for insurance against:
- (i) losses referred to in point (a) and against other losses caused by adverse climatic events;
- (ii) losses caused by animals, plant diseases or pest infestations.
- 3. Support for harvest insurance may be granted if the insurance payments concerned do not compensate producers for more than 100 % of the income loss suffered, taking into account any compensation the producers may have obtained from other support schemes related to the insured risk.
- 4. Support for harvest insurance shall not

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### Article 47

## Harvest insurance

1. Support for harvest insurance shall contribute to safeguarding producers' incomes and to covering market losses incurred by producer organisations and/or their members where these are affected by natural disasters, adverse climatic events, diseases or pest infestations.

## Beneficiaries shall be required to prove that they have taken the necessary risk prevention measures.

- 2. Support for harvest insurance may be granted in the form of a Union financial contribution which shall not exceed:
- (a) 80 % of the cost of the insurance premiums paid for by producers, *producer organisations and/or cooperatives* for insurance against losses resulting from adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to natural disasters:
- (b) 50 % of the cost of the insurance premiums paid for by producers for insurance against:
- (i) losses referred to in point (a) and against other losses caused by adverse climatic events;
- (ii) losses caused by animals, plant diseases or pest infestations.
- 3. Support for harvest insurance may be granted if the insurance payments concerned do not compensate producers for more than 100 % of the income loss suffered, taking into account any compensation the producers may have obtained from other support schemes related to the insured risk.
- 4. Support for harvest insurance shall not

Or. en

### **Amendment 153**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 48

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 48

## Investments

1. Support may be granted for tangible or intangible investments in processing facilities, winery infrastructure and marketing *of wine* which improve the overall performance of the enterprise and concern one or more of the following:

- (a) the production or marketing of grapevine products referred to in Part II of Annex VI;
- (b) the development of new products, processes and technologies concerning the products referred to in Part II of Annex VI.

2. Support under paragraph 1 at its maximum rate shall apply only to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises within the meaning of Commission

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### Article 48

## Investments

- 1. Support may be granted for tangible or intangible investments in processing facilities, winery infrastructure, and distilleries, as well as marketing structures and tools, including the registration of collective marks. Those investments shall be intended to improve the overall performance of the enterprise and its adaptation to market demands, as well as to increase its competitiveness on the internal market and in third country markets, and shall concern one or more of the following:
- (a) the production or marketing of grapevine products referred to in Part II of Annex VI;
- (b) the development of new products, processes and technologies concerning the products referred to in Part II of Annex VI.
- (ba) the development of advanced agronomic and sustainable production measures;
- (bb) processing of by-products of distilleries or investment which helps to improve their energy savings and their global energy efficiency.
- 2. Support under paragraph 1 at its maximum rate shall apply only to *producer organisations and to* micro, small and medium-sized enterprises within the

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Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, the maximum rate may apply to all enterprises for the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty and the smaller Aegean islands as defined in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006. For enterprises not covered by Article 2(1) of Title I of the Annex to Recommendation 2003/361/EC with less than 750 employees or with a turnover of less than EUR 200 million, the maximum aid intensity shall be halved.

Support shall not be granted to enterprises in difficulty within the meaning of the Community guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty.

- 3. The eligible expenditure shall exclude the non-eligible costs referred to in paragraph 3 of Article 59 of Regulation (EU) No [COM(2011)615].
- 4. The following maximum aid rates concerning the eligible investment costs shall apply to the Union contribution:
- (a) 50 % in less developed regions;
- (b) 40 % in regions other than less developed regions;
- (c) 75 % in the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty;
- (d) 65 % in the smaller Aegean islands as defined in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006.
- 5. Article 61 of Regulation (EU) No [COM(2011)615] shall apply mutatis mutandis to support referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

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- (a) 50 % in less developed regions:
- (b) 40 % in regions other than less developed regions;
- (c) 75 % in the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 of the Treaty;
- (d) 65 % in the smaller Aegean islands as defined in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006.
- 5. Article 61 of Regulation (EU) No [COM(2011)615] shall apply mutatis mutandis to support referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Or. en

### **Amendment 154**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 49

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 49

## By-product distillation

1. Support may be granted for the voluntary or obligatory distillation of byproducts of wine making which has been carried out in accordance with the conditions laid down in Section D of Part II of Annex VII.

The amount of aid shall be fixed per % volume and per hectolitre of alcohol produced. No aid shall be paid for the volume of alcohol contained in the byproducts to be distilled which exceeds 10 % in relation to the volume of alcohol contained in the wine produced.

2. The maximum applicable aid levels shall be based on collection and processing costs and fixed by the Commission by means of implementing acts pursuant to Article 51.

3. The alcohol resulting from the supported distillation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used exclusively for industrial or energy purposes to avoid distortion of competition.

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## Article 49

## By-product distillation

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The amount of aid shall be fixed per % volume and per hectolitre of alcohol produced. No aid shall be paid for the volume of alcohol contained in the byproducts to be distilled which exceeds 10 % in relation to the volume of alcohol contained in the wine produced.

1b. The aid shall be paid to distillers that process the products delivered for distillation into raw alcohol with an alcoholic strength of at least 92 % vol.

Member States may make the granting of support conditional upon the lodging of a security by the beneficiary.

- 2. The maximum applicable aid levels shall be based on collection and processing costs and fixed by the Commission by means of implementing acts pursuant to Article 51.
- 2a. The relevant aid shall include a lumpsum amount destined to compensate the costs of collection of these products which are to be transferred from the distiller to the producer, if the relevant costs are borne by the latter.
- 3. The alcohol resulting from the supported distillation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be used exclusively for industrial or energy purposes to avoid distortion of competition.

3a. In order to prevent dual support being granted for distillation, the alcohol referred to in paragraph 3 shall not be subject to the preference referred to in Article 21(2) of Directive 2009/28/EC concerning biofuels produced from wastes and their contribution towards attaining the final consumption rate for energy from renewable sources in transport being considered to be twice that made by other biofuels.

Or. en

## **Amendment 155**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 50

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 50

## Delegated powers

Taking into account the need to ensure that support programmes meet their objectives and that there is a targeted use of European Funds, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, establishing rules:

- (a) on the responsibility for expenditure between the date of receipt of the support programmes, and modifications to support programmes and their date of applicability;
- (b) on eligibility criteria of support measures, the type of expenditure and operations eligible for support, measures ineligible for support and the maximum level of support per measure;
- (c) on changes to support programmes after they have become applicable;
- (d) on requirements and thresholds for advance payments, including the

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- (a) on the responsibility for expenditure between the date of receipt of the support programmes, and modifications to support programmes and their date of applicability;
- (b) on eligibility criteria of support measures, the type of expenditure and operations eligible for support, measures ineligible for support and the maximum level of support per measure;
- (c) on changes to support programmes after they have become applicable;
- (d) on requirements and thresholds for advance payments, including the

requirement for a security where an advance payment is made;

- (e) containing general provisions and definitions for the purposes of this Section;
- (f) to avoid misuse of the support measures and double funding of projects;
- (g) under which producers shall withdraw the by-products of winemaking and exceptions from this obligation to avoid additional administrative burden and rules for the voluntary certification of distillers;
- (h) laying down requirements for the Member States for the implementation of the support measures, as well as restrictions to ensure consistency with the scope of the support measures;
- (i) regarding payments to beneficiaries and payments through insurance intermediaries in the case of support for harvest insurance provided for in Article 47.

requirement for a security where an advance payment is made;

- (f) to avoid misuse of the support measures and double funding of projects;
- (g) under which producers shall withdraw the by-products of winemaking and exceptions from this obligation to avoid additional administrative burden and rules for the voluntary certification of distillers;
- (h) laying down requirements for the Member States for the implementation of the support measures, as well as restrictions to ensure consistency with the scope of the support measures;
- (i) regarding payments to beneficiaries and payments through insurance intermediaries in the case of support for harvest insurance provided for in Article 47.

Or. en

## **Amendment 156**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 52

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 52

## National programmes and financing

- 1. Member States may draw up national programmes for the apiculture sector covering a period of three years.
- 2. The Union contribution to the apiculture programmes shall not exceed 50 % of the

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## Article 52

## National programmes and financing

- 1. Member States may draw up national programmes for the apiculture sector covering a period of three years. *These programmes shall be developed in cooperation with representative organisations and cooperatives in the beekeeping field.*
- 2. The Union contribution to the apiculture programmes shall not exceed 60% of the

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expenditure borne by Member States.

3. To be eligible for the Union contribution provided for in paragraph 2, Member States shall carry out a study of the production and marketing structure in the beekeeping sector in their territory.

expenditure borne by Member States.

- 3. To be eligible for the Union contribution provided for in paragraph 2, Member States shall establish a reliable beehive identification system which makes it possible to perform regular censuses of bee populations and shall carry out a study of the production and marketing structure in the beekeeping sector in their territory.
- 3a. The following measures may be included in apiculture programmes:
- (a) technical assistance to beekeepers and beekeepers' organisations;
- (b) combating beehive invaders and diseases, particularly varroosis;
- (c) rationalisation of transhumance;
- (d) measures to support laboratories for the analysis of apiculture products with the aim of helping beekeepers to market and increase the value of their products;
- (e) monitoring of the bee population of the Union and support for restocking;
- (f) cooperation with specialised bodies for the implementation of applied research programmes in the field of beekeeping and apiculture products;
- (g) market monitoring;
- (h)enhancement of product quality with a view to exploiting the potential of products on the market;
- (i) compulsory labelling with the country of origin of apiculture projects imported or produced in the Union and, in the case of mixtures or products of different origins, compulsory labelling with the proportion of each country of origin.
- 3b. In the case of farmers who are also beekeepers, the following measures may also be included in apiculture programmes:
- (a) precautionary measures, including those improving bee health and reducing

negative impacts on them, through the use of alternatives to pesticide use, biological control methods and integrated pest management;

(b) specific measures to increase plant diversity on farm, particularly melliferous plant species for apiculture

Or. en

### **Amendment 157**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 53

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 53

## Delegated powers

Taking into account the need to ensure a targeted use of Union funds for apiculture, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 on:

- (a) the measures which may be included in apiculture programmes,
- (b) rules for drawing up and the content of national programmes and the studies referred to in Article 52(3); and
- (c) the conditions for the allocation of the Union's financial contribution to each participating Member State based on inter alia total number of hives in the Union.

## Amendment

### Article 53

## Delegated powers

Taking into account the need to ensure a targeted use of Union funds for apiculture, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 on:

- (a) *additional requirements for* the measures which may be included in apiculture programmes,
- (b) rules for drawing up and the content of national programmes and the studies referred to in Article 52(3); and
- (c) the conditions for the allocation of the Union's financial contribution to each participating Member State based on inter alia total number of hives in the Union.

Or. en

## **Amendment 158**

## Proposal for a regulation Part II – Title I – Chapter II – Section 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Section 5 a

Aid in the hops sector

Article 54a

Aids to producer organisations

- 1. The Union shall finance a payment to producer organisations in the hops sector recognised in accordance with Article 106 to finance the aims referred to in points (i),(ii) or (iii) of Article 106(c).
- 2. In respect of Germany, the Union financing per year for the payment to producer organisations provided for in paragraph 1 shall be EUR 2 277 000.

Article 54b

## **Delegated** powers

In order to ensure that the aids finance the aims referred to in Article 106, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, concerning:

- (a) aid applications, including rules on deadlines and accompanying documents;
- (b) aid entitlement, including rules on eligible hop areas and the calculation of the amounts to be paid to each producer organisation;
- (c) sanctions to be applied in the case of undue payment.

Article 54c

## Implementing powers

The Commission may adopt implementing acts, establishing the necessary measures related to this Section concerning:

- (a) the payment of aid;
- (b) checks and inspections.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

### Amendment 159

## Proposal for a regulation Article 55

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 55

Scope

Without prejudice to any other provisions applicable to agricultural products, as well as the provisions adopted in the veterinary, phytosanitary and food sectors to ensure that products comply with hygiene and health standards and to protect animal, plant and human health, this Section lays down the rules concerning the general marketing standard and marketing standards by sector and/or product for agricultural products.

Amendment

Article 55

Scope

Without prejudice to any other provisions applicable to agricultural products, as well as *to* the provisions adopted in the veterinary, phytosanitary and food sectors to ensure that products comply with hygiene and health standards and to protect animal, plant and human health, this Section lays down the rules concerning the general marketing standard and marketing standards by sector and/or product for agricultural products. *Those rules shall be divided between obligatory rules and optional reserved terms*.

Or. en

### **Amendment 160**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 56

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 56

Conformity with the general marketing standard

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Article 56

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- marketing standard" if it is of sound, fair and marketable quality.
- 2. Where no marketing standards as referred to in Subsection 3 and in Council Directives 2000/36/EC , 2001/112/EC , 2001/113/EC , 2001/114/EC , 2001/110/EC , 2001/111/EC , have been established, agricultural products which are ready for sale or delivery to the final consumer in retail as defined in point 7 of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 may only be marketed if they conform to the general marketing standard.
- 3. A product shall be considered as conforming to the general marketing standard where the product intended to be marketed is in conformity with an applicable standard adopted by any of the international organisations listed in Annex V.

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- 2. Where no marketing standards as referred to in Subsection 3 and in Council Directives 2000/36/EC , 2001/112/EC , 2001/113/EC , 2001/114/EC , 2001/110/EC , 2001/111/EC , have been established, agricultural products which are ready for sale or delivery to the final consumer in retail as defined in point 7 of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 may only be marketed if they conform to the general marketing standard.
- 3. Without prejudice to any additional Union requirements in the sanitary, commercial, ethical or any other field, a product shall be considered as conforming to the general marketing standard where the product intended to be marketed is in conformity with an applicable standard adopted by any of the international organisations listed in Annex V.
- 3a. This Regulation does not prevent the Member States from adopting or maintaining national provisions on aspects of marketing which are not specifically harmonised by this Regulation. Moreover, Member States may adopt or maintain national rules on marketing standards for sectors or products to which the general marketing standard applies, provided that those rules comply with Union law and with the rules on the functioning of the internal market.

Or. en

### **Amendment 161**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 57

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 57

## Delegated powers

Taking into account the need to address changes in the market situation, and the specificity of each sector, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to adopt, modify and derogate from the requirements concerning general marketing standard referred to in Article 56(1), and rules on conformity referred to in Article 56(3).

### Amendment

## Article 57

## Delegated powers

- 1. Taking into account the need to address changes in the market situation, and the specificity of each sector, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to adopt detailed rules concerning the general marketing standard, and to modify and derogate from the requirements concerning general marketing standard referred to in Article 56(1),
- 2. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down the conditions for implementing and monitoring the conformity referred to in Article 56(3), taking into account the need to avoid lowering the general marketing standard to the point where the quality of European products starts to decline.

Or. en

## **Amendment 162**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 59

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 59

## Establishment and content

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## Amendment

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accordance with Article 160 on marketing standards referred to in Article 55, at all stages of the marketing, as well as derogations and exemptions from such standards to adapt to the constantly changing market conditions, to the evolving consumer demands, to developments in relevant international standards and avoid creating obstacles to product innovation.

- 2. The marketing standards referred to in paragraph 1 may *cover:*
- (a) the definition, designation and/or sales descriptions other than those set out in this Regulation and lists of carcasses and parts thereof to which Annex VI applies;
- (b) classification criteria such as grading into classes, weight, sizing, age and category;
- (c) the plant variety or animal race or the commercial type;
- (d) the presentation, sales descriptions, labelling linked to obligatory marketing standards, packaging, rules to be applied in relation to packing centres, marking, wrapping, year of harvesting and use of specific terms;
- (e) criteria such as appearance, consistency, conformation, product characteristics;
- (f) specific substances used in production, or components or constituents, including their quantitative content, purity and

accordance with Article 160 on marketing standards referred to in Article 55, at all stages of the marketing, as well as derogations and exemptions from such standards, *only for a limited period and in exceptional cases, in order* to adapt to the constantly changing market conditions, to the evolving consumer demands, to developments in relevant international standards and avoid creating obstacles to product innovation.

Any derogation or exemption made in this way must not entail additional costs which would be borne solely by farmers.

- 1a. However, the Commission's power to modify derogations and exemptions from existing marketing standards shall not apply to Annex VII.
- 2. The marketing standards referred to in paragraph 1 may *include one or more of the following elements*:
- (a) the definition, designation and/or sales descriptions other than those set out in this Regulation and lists of carcasses and parts thereof to which Annex VI applies, *except* for products of the wine sector;
- (b) classification criteria such as grading into classes, weight, sizing, age and category;
- (c) the *species*, plant variety or animal race or the commercial type;
- (d) the presentation, sales descriptions, labelling linked to obligatory marketing standards, packaging, rules to be applied in relation to packing centres, marking, wrapping, year of harvesting and use of specific terms, except for products of the wine sector;
- (e) criteria such as appearance, consistency, conformation, product characteristics;
- (f) specific substances used in production, or components or constituents, including their quantitative content, purity and

## identification;

(g) the type of farming and production method including *oenological practices* and related administrative rules, and operating circuit;

# (h) coupage of must and wine including definitions thereof, blending and restrictions thereof;

- (i) the conservation method and temperature;
- (j) the place of farming and/or origin;
- (k) the frequency of collection, delivery, preservation and handling;
- (l) the identification or registration of the producer and/or the industrial facilities in which the product has been prepared or processed;
- (m) the percentage of water content;
- (n) restrictions as regards the use of certain substances and/or practices;
- (o) specific use;
- (p) commercial documents, accompanying documents and registers to be kept;
- (q) storage, transport;
- (r) the certification procedure;
- (s) the conditions governing the disposal, the holding, circulation and use of products not in conformity with the marketing standards adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 and/or with the definitions, designations and sales descriptions as referred to in Article 60, as well as the disposal of byproducts;
- (t) time limits.
- 3. The marketing standards by sectors or products adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be established without prejudice to *Title IV of Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)733] on agricultural product quality schemes*, and shall take into

## identification;

- (g) the type of farming and production method including *agronomic and advanced systems of sustainable production* and related administrative rules, and operating circuit;
- (i) the conservation method and temperature;
- (i) the place of farming and/or origin;
- (k) the frequency of collection, delivery, preservation and handling;
- (l) the identification or registration of the producer and/or the industrial facilities in which the product has been prepared or processed;
- (m) the percentage of water content;
- (n) restrictions as regards the use of certain substances and/or practices;
- (o) specific use;
- (p) commercial documents, accompanying documents and registers to be kept;
- (q) storage, transport;
- (r) the certification procedure;
- (s) the conditions governing the disposal, the holding, circulation and use of products not in conformity with the marketing standards adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 and/or with the definitions, designations and sales descriptions as referred to in Article 60, as well as the disposal of byproducts;
- (t) time limits.
- 3. The marketing standards by sectors or products adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be without prejudice to *the provisions on optional reserved terms of Article 65a and Annex VIIa*, and shall take into account:

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- (a) the specificities of the product concerned;
- (b) the need to ensure the conditions for a smooth placing of the products on the market;
- (c) the interest of consumers to receive adequate and transparent product information, including the place of farming to be determined on a case by case approach at the appropriate geographical level:

- (d) the methods used for determining physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics of the products;
- (e) the standard recommendations adopted by international bodies.

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- (b) the need to ensure the conditions for a smooth placing of the products on the market;
- (c) the interest of producers in communicating the characteristics of their products and the interest of consumers in receiving adequate and transparent product information, the place of farming to be determined on a case by case approach at the appropriate geographical level, after conducting an impact assessment evaluating, in particular, the costs and administrative burdens for operators, as well as the benefits offered to producers and the end consumer;
- (d) the methods used for determining physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics of the products;
- (e) the standard recommendations adopted by international bodies.
- (ea) the need to preserve the natural and essential characteristics of products and to avoid causing a substantial change in the composition of the product concerned;
- (eb) the possible risk of consumers being misled due to their well established perception of the product and their corresponding expectations, having regard to the availability and feasibility of informational means to exclude such risks.

Or. en

## **Amendment 163**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 59 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

## Article 59a

Additional requirements for the marketing of the products of the fruit and vegetables sector

- 1. Products of the fruit and vegetables sector which are intended to be sold fresh to the consumer may only be marketed if the country of origin is indicated.
- 2. The marketing standards referred to in Article 59(1), as well as any marketing standard applicable to the fruit and vegetables and the processed fruit and vegetables sectors, shall apply at all marketing stages including import and export, unless otherwise provided for by the Commission, and shall cover quality, categorisation, weight, size, packing, packaging, storage, transport, presentation and marketing.
- 3. The holder of products of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors covered by marketing standards may not display such products, offer them for sale or deliver or market them in any manner within the Union other than in conformity with those standards and shall be responsible for ensuring such conformity.
- 4. Without prejudice to any specific provisions which may be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 160, in particular on the consistent application, in the Member States, of the conformity checks, Member States shall, in respect of the fruit and vegetables and the processed fruit and vegetables sectors, check selectively, based on a risk analysis, whether the products concerned conform to the respective marketing standards. These checks shall focus on the stage prior to dispatch from the production

areas when the products are being packed or loaded. For products from third countries, checks shall be carried out prior to release for free circulation.

Or. en

### **Amendment 164**

Proposal for a regulation Article 59 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 59b

## Certification for hops

- 1. Products of the hops sector, harvested or prepared within the Union, shall be subject to a certification procedure.
- 2. Certificates may be issued only for products having the minimum quality characteristics appropriate to a specific stage of marketing. In the case of hop powder, hop powder with higher lupulin content, extract of hops and mixed hop products, the certificate may only be issued if the alpha acid content of these products is not lower than that of the hops from which they have been prepared.
- 3. The certificates shall indicate at least:
- (a) the place(s) of production of the hops;
- (b) the year(s) of harvesting; and
- (c) the variety or varieties.
- 4. Products of the hops sector may be marketed or exported only if a certificate as referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 has been issued.

In the case of imported products of the hops sector, the attestation provided for in Article 129a shall be deemed to be equivalent to that certificate.

- 5. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, establishing measures derogating from paragraph 4:
- (a) in order to satisfy the trade requirements of certain third countries; or
- (b) for products intended for special uses.

The measures referred to in the first subparagraph shall:

- (a) not prejudice the normal marketing of products for which the certificate has been issued;
- (b) be accompanied by guarantees intended to avoid any confusion with those products.

Or. en

### **Amendment 165**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 60

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 60

Definitions, designations and sales descriptions for certain sectors and products

- 1. The definitions, designations and sales descriptions provided for in Annex VI shall apply to the following sectors or products:
- (a) olive oil and table olives:
- (b) wine;
- (c) beef and veal;
- (d) milk and milk products intended for human consumption;
- (e) poultrymeat;
- (f) spreadable fats intended for human consumption.

## Amendment

Article 60

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- (b) wine;
- (c) beef and veal;
- (d) milk and milk products intended for human consumption;
- (e) poultrymeat *and eggs*;
- (f) spreadable fats intended for human consumption.

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- 2. Definitions, designations or sales descriptions provided for in Annex VI may be used in the Union only for the marketing of a product which complies with the corresponding requirements laid down in that Annex.
- 3. Taking into account the need to adapt to evolving consumer demands, and technical progress and to avoid creating obstacles to product innovation, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 on modifications, derogations or exemptions to the definitions and sales descriptions provided for in Annex VI.
- 2. Definitions, designations or sales descriptions provided for in Annex VI may be used in the Union only for the marketing of a product which complies with the corresponding requirements laid down in that Annex.
- 3. Taking into account the need to adapt to evolving consumer demands, and technical progress and to avoid creating obstacles to product innovation, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 on modifications, derogations or exemptions to the definitions and sales descriptions provided for in Annex VI.

Or. en

### **Amendment 166**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 61

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 61

## Tolerance

Taking into account the specificity of each sector, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 on tolerance for each standard beyond which the entire batch of products shall be considered as not respecting that standard.

## Amendment

## Article 61

## Tolerance

1. Taking into account the specificity of each sector, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 on tolerance for each *specific* standard beyond which the entire batch of products shall be considered as not respecting that standard.

This tolerance defined on the basis of thresholds shall not alter the intrinsic characteristics of the product and shall apply only to weight, size and other minor criteria.

2. Member States may adopt or maintain additional national legislation on products covered by a Union marketing standard, provided that these provisions comply with Union law, particularly the

Or. en

#### Amendment 167

## Proposal for a regulation Article 62

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 62

Oenological practices and methods of analyses

1. Only oenological practices authorised in accordance with Annex VII and provided for in *point (g) of Article 59(2) and in* paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 65 shall be used in the production and conservation of the products listed in Part II of Annex VI in the Union.

The first subparagraph shall not apply to:

- (a) grape juice and concentrated grape juice;
- (b) grape must and concentrated grape must intended for the preparation of grape juice.

Authorised oenological practices shall only be used for the purposes of ensuring proper vinification, proper preservation or proper refinement of the product.

Products listed in Part II of Annex VI shall be produced in the Union in accordance with the rules laid down in Annex VII.

Products listed in Part II of Annex VI shall not be marketed in the Union where:

- (a) they have undergone unauthorised Union oenological practices or
- (b) they have undergone unauthorised national oenological practices or
- (c) they do not comply with the rules laid

### Amendment

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- (b) they have undergone unauthorised national oenological practices or
- (c) they do not comply with the rules laid

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down in Annex VII.

- 2. When *authorising* oenological practices for wine as referred to in *point* (*g*) *of Article* 59(2), the Commission shall:
- (a) *base itself on* the oenological practices and methods of analyses recommended and published by the OIV as well as on the results of experimental use of as yet unauthorised oenological practices;
- (b) take into account the protection of human health;
- (c) take into account the possible risk of consumers being misled due to their *expectations and perceptions*, having regard to the availability and feasibility of informational means to exclude such risks;
- (d) allow the preservation of the natural and essential characteristics of the wine and not cause a substantial change in the composition of the product concerned;
- (e) ensure an acceptable minimum level of environmental care;
- (f) respect the general rules concerning oenological practices and the rules laid down in Annex VII.
- 3. The *Commission shall, where necessary, adopt* methods referred to in point (d) of Article 59(3) for products listed in Part II of Annex VI *by means of implementing acts*. Those methods shall be based on any relevant methods

down in Annex VII.

The products which are unmarketable in accordance with the fifth subparagraph shall be destroyed. By way of derogation from this rule, Member States may authorise the use of certain products, the characteristics of which they shall determine, by distilleries or vinegar factories or for industrial purposes, provided that this authorisation does not become an incentive to produce by means of unauthorised oenological practices.

- 2. When *making proposals on* oenological practices for wine as referred to in *paragraph 1*, the Commission shall:
- (a) *take into account* the oenological practices and methods of analyses recommended and published by the OIV as well as on the results of experimental use of as yet unauthorised oenological practices;
- (b) take into account the protection of human health;
- (c) take into account the possible risk of consumers being misled due to their well established perception of the product and their corresponding expectations, having regard to the availability and feasibility of informational means to exclude such risks;
- (d) allow the preservation of the natural and essential characteristics of the wine and not cause a substantial change in the composition of the product concerned;
- (e) ensure an acceptable minimum level of environmental care;
- (f) respect the general rules concerning oenological practices and the rules laid down in Annex VII.
- 3. The methods referred to in point (d) of Article 59(3) for products listed in Part II of Annex VI shall be adopted in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure laid down in Article 43(2) of the Treaty. Those methods shall be based

recommended and published by the OIV, unless they would be ineffective or inappropriate in view of the *legitimate* objective pursued. *Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).* 

Pending the adoption of such rules, the methods to be used shall be those allowed by the Member State concerned.

on any relevant methods recommended and published by the OIV, unless they would be ineffective or inappropriate in view of the objective pursued *by the Union*.

Pending the adoption of such *provisions*, the methods *and rules* to be used shall be those allowed by the Member State concerned.

Or. en

## **Amendment 168**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 65

Text proposed by the Commission

## Article 65

National rules for certain products and sectors

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 59(1), Member States may adopt or maintain national rules laying down different quality levels for spreadable fats. Such rules shall allow those quality levels to be assessed on the basis of criteria relating in particular to the raw materials used, the organoleptic characteristics of the products and their physical and microbiological stability.

Member States making use of the option provided for in the first subparagraph shall ensure that other Member States' products complying with the criteria laid down by those national rules may, in a non-discriminatory way, use terms which state that those criteria are complied with.

2. Member States may limit or prohibit the use of certain oenological practices and provide for more stringent rules for wines

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## Article 65

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authorised under Union law produced in their territory with a view to reinforcing the preservation of the essential characteristics of wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication and of sparkling wines and liqueur wines.

- 3. Member States may allow the experimental use of unauthorised oenological practices in accordance with the conditions specified by the Commission, by means of delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 4.
- 4. Taking into account the need to ensure the correct and transparent application, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 specifying the conditions for the application of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article as well as the conditions for the holding, circulation and use of the products obtained from the experimental practices referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article.

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- 3. Member States may allow the experimental use of unauthorised oenological practices in accordance with the conditions specified by the Commission, by means of delegated acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 4.
- 4. Taking into account the need to ensure the correct and transparent application, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 specifying the conditions for the application of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article as well as the conditions for the holding, circulation and use of the products obtained from the experimental practices referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article.
- 4a. Member States may adopt or maintain marketing standards for sectors or products, provided that those measures are consistent with Union law.

Or. en

## **Amendment 169**

Proposal for a regulation
Part II – Title II – Chapter I – Section 1 – Subsection 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

SUBSECTION 3a

OPTIONAL RESERVED TERMS

Article 65a

Scope

A scheme for optional reserved terms is established in order to help producers of

agricultural products which possess value-adding characteristics or attributes to communicate such characteristics or attributes within the internal market, particularly with the aim of supporting and complementing specific marketing standards.

## Article 65b

## Existing optional reserved terms

- 1. The optional reserved terms covered by this scheme at the date of entry into force of this Regulation are listed in Annex VIIa to this Regulation together with the acts laying down the terms in question and their conditions of use.
- 2. The optional reserved terms referred to in paragraph 1 shall remain in force, subject to any amendment, unless cancelled pursuant to Article 65c.

### Article 65c

Reservation, amendment and cancellation of optional reserved terms

In order to take account of the expectations of consumers, developments in scientific and technical knowledge, the situation in the market and developments in marketing standards and in international standards, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160:

- (a) reserving an additional optional reserved term, laying down its conditions of use,
- (b) amending the conditions of use of an optional reserved term, or
- (c) cancelling an optional reserved term.

## Article 65d

## Additional optional reserved terms

1. A term shall be eligible for reservation as an additional optional reserved term only if it fulfils the following criteria:

- (a) the term relates to a characteristic of a product or to a farming or processing attribute and relates to a marketing standard, viewed in the light of a sector-by-sector approach;
- (b) the use of the term adds value to the product in comparison with products of a similar type, and
- (c) the product has been placed on the market with the characteristic or attribute referred to in point (a) identified to consumers in several Member States.

The Commission shall take account of any relevant international standard and of the current reserved terms existing for the products or sectors involved.

- 2. Optional terms that describe technical product qualities for the purposes of implementing compulsory marketing standards and that are not intended to inform consumers about those product qualities shall not be reserved under this scheme.
- 3. In order to take into account the special characteristics of certain sectors as well as consumer expectations, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down detailed rules relating to the requirements for the creation of the additional optional reserved terms referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 65e

Restrictions on use of optional reserved terms

- 1. An optional reserved term may only be used to describe products that conform to the applicable conditions of use.
- 2. Member States shall adopt appropriate measures to ensure that product labelling does not give rise to confusion with optional reserved terms.
- 3. The Commission shall be empowered to

adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down rules for the use of optional reserved terms.

Or. en

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## Proposal for a regulation Article 66

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 66

General provisions

Taking into account the specificities in trade between the Union and certain third countries and the special character of some agricultural products, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to define the conditions under which imported products are considered to have an equivalent level of compliance with the Union marketing standards and conditions allowing derogation from Article 58 and determine the rules concerning the application of the marketing standards to products exported from the Union.

Amendment

Article 66

General provisions

Taking into account the specificities in trade between the Union and certain third countries, the special character of some agricultural products, and the need to ensure that consumers are not misled due to their well-established perception of the products, and to their corresponding expectations, measures may be adopted in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure laid down in Article 43(2) of the Treaty to define the conditions under which imported products are considered to have an equivalent level of compliance with the Union marketing standards and determine the rules concerning the application of the marketing standards to products exported from the Union.

Or. en

**Amendment 171** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 67

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 67

Amendment

Article 67

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Special provisions for the imports of wine

- 1. Save as otherwise provided for in agreements concluded pursuant to Article 218 of the Treaty, the provisions concerning designation of origin and geographical indications and labelling of wine set out in Section 2 of this Chapter and in the definitions, designations and sales descriptions referred to in Article 60 of this Regulation, shall apply to products imported into the Union and falling under CN codes 2009 61, 2009 69 and 2204.
- 2. Save as otherwise provided for in agreements concluded pursuant to Article 218 of the Treaty, products referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be produced in accordance with oenological practices *recommended and published by the OIV or* authorised by the Union pursuant to this Regulation.
- 3. The import of the products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be subject to the presentation of:
- (a) a certificate evincing compliance with the provisions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, drawn up by a competent body, included on a list to be made public by the Commission, in the product's country of origin;
- (b) an analysis report drawn up by a body or department designated by the product's country of origin, in so far as the product is intended for direct human consumption.

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- 2. Save as otherwise provided for in agreements concluded pursuant to Article 218 of the Treaty, products referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be produced in accordance with oenological practices authorised by the Union pursuant to this Regulation.

Measures derogating from this paragraph shall be adopted in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure laid down in Article 43(2) of the Treaty.

- 3. The import of the products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be subject to the presentation of:
- (a) a certificate evincing compliance with the provisions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, drawn up by a competent body, included on a list to be made public by the Commission, in the product's country of origin;
- (b) an analysis report drawn up by a body or department designated by the product's country of origin, in so far as the product is intended for direct human consumption.

Or. en

## **Amendment 172**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 67 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

## Article 67a

## **Delegated** powers

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down:

- (a) rules for the interpretation and enforcement of the definitions and sales descriptions provided for in Annex VI;
- (b) rules on the national procedures concerning the withdrawal and destruction of wine products that do not comply with the requirements of this Regulation.

Or. en

### **Amendment 173**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 68

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 68

Implementing powers in accordance with the examination procedure

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt the necessary measures related to this Section *and in particular:* 

- (a) for the implementation of the general marketing standard;
- (b) for the implementation of the definitions and sales descriptions provided for in Annex VI;
- (c) for drawing up the list of milk and milk products referred to in the second

Amendment

Article 68

Implementing powers in accordance with the examination procedure

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt the necessary measures related to this Section:

(c) for drawing up the list of milk and milk products referred to in the second

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paragraph of point 5 of Part III of Annex VI and spreadable fats referred to in point (a) of the sixth paragraph of Part VI of Annex VI, on the basis of indicative lists of products which Member States regard as corresponding in their territory to those provisions and which Member States shall send to the Commission;

- (d) for the implementation of the marketing standards by sector or product, including the detailed rules for the taking of samples and the methods of analysis for determining the composition of products;
- (e) for determining whether products have undergone processes contrary to the authorised oenological practices;
- (f) for fixing of the tolerance level;
- (g) for the implementation of Article 66.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

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- (d) for the implementation of the marketing standards by sector or product, including the detailed rules for the taking of samples and the methods of analysis for determining the composition of products;
- (e) for determining whether products have undergone processes contrary to the authorised oenological practices;
- (f) for fixing of the tolerance level;
- (g) for the implementation of Article 66.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

#### Amendment 174

## Proposal for a regulation Article 69

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 69

#### Scope

- 1. Rules on designations of origin, geographical indications and traditional terms laid down in this Section shall apply to the products referred to in points 1, 3 to 6, 8, 9, 11, 15 and 16 of Part II of Annex VI.
- 2. The rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall be based on:
- (a) protecting of legitimate interests of

#### Amendment

#### Article 69

#### Scope

- 1. Rules on designations of origin, geographical indications and traditional terms laid down in this Section shall apply to the products referred to in points 1, 3 to 6, 8, 9, 11, 15 and 16 of Part II of Annex VI.
- 2. The rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall be based on:
- (a) protecting of legitimate interests of

consumers and producers;

- (b) ensuring the smooth operation of the internal market in the products concerned; and
- (c) promoting the production of *quality* products, whilst allowing national quality policy measures.

consumers and producers;

- (b) ensuring the smooth operation of the internal market in the products concerned; and
- (c) promoting the production of products *under quality schemes*, whilst allowing national quality policy measures.

Or. en

#### Amendment 175

### Proposal for a regulation Article 70

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 70

#### **Definitions**

- 1. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) "a designation of origin" shall mean the name of a region, a specific place or, in exceptional and duly justifiable cases, a country used to describe a product referred to in Article 69(1) complying with the following requirements:
- (i) the quality and characteristics of the product are essentially or exclusively due to a particular geographical environment with its inherent natural and human factors;
- (ii) the grapes from which the product is produced come exclusively from that geographical area;
- (iii) the production takes place in that geographical area; and
- (iv) the product is obtained from vine varieties belonging to *Vitis vinifera*;
- (b) "a geographical indication" shall mean an indication referring to a region, a specific place or, in exceptional and duly justifiable cases, a country, used to

#### Amendment

#### Article 70

#### **Definitions**

- 1. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) "a designation of origin" shall mean the name of a region, a specific place or, in exceptional and duly justifiable cases, a country used to describe a product referred to in Article 69(1) complying with the following requirements:
- (i) the quality and characteristics of the product are essentially or exclusively due to a particular geographical environment with its inherent natural and human factors;
- (ii) the grapes from which the product is produced come exclusively from that geographical area;
- (iii) the production takes place in that geographical area; and
- (iv) the product is obtained from vine varieties belonging to *Vitis vinifera*;
- (b) "a geographical indication" shall mean an indication referring to a region, a specific place or, in exceptional and duly justifiable cases, a country, used to

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describe a product referred to in Article 69(1) complying with the following requirements:

- (i) it possesses a specific quality, reputation or other characteristics attributable to that geographical origin;
- (ii) at least 85 % of the grapes used for its production come exclusively from that geographical area;
- (iii) its production takes place in that geographical area; and
- (iv) it is obtained from vine varieties belonging to *Vitis vinifera* or a cross between the *Vitis vinifera* species and other species of the genus *Vitis*.

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- (i) it possesses a specific quality, reputation or other characteristics attributable to that geographical origin;
- (ii) at least 85 % of the grapes used for its production come exclusively from that geographical area;
- (iii) its production takes place in that geographical area; and
- (iv) it is obtained from vine varieties belonging to *Vitis vinifera* or a cross between the *Vitis vinifera* species and other species of the genus *Vitis*.

1a. For the purpose of the application of points (a)(iii) and (b)(iii) of paragraph 1, 'production' shall cover all the operations involved, from the harvesting of the grapes to the completion of the winemaking process, with the exception of any post-production processes.

For the purpose of the application of point (b)(ii) of paragraph 1, the maximum 15 % share of grapes which may originate outside the demarcated geographical area shall originate from the Member State or third country in which the demarcated area is situated.

By way of derogation from points (a)(iii) and (b)(iii) of paragraph 1, and on condition that the product specification laid down in Article 71(2) so provides, a product with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication may be made into wine either:

- (a) in an area in the immediate proximity of the demarcated area concerned;
- (b) in an area located within the same administrative unit or within a neighbouring administrative unit, as defined by national law;
- (c) in the case of a trans-border

- designation of origin or geographical indication, or where an agreement on control measures exists between two or more Member States or between one or more Member States and one or more third countries, in an area situated in the immediate proximity of the demarcated area in question.
- By way of derogation from point (a) (iii) of paragraph 1 and from the third subparagraph of this paragraph, and on condition that the product specification laid down in Article 71(2) so provides, a product may be made into sparkling wine or semi-sparkling wine with a protected designation of origin beyond the immediate proximity of the demarcated area in question if this practice was in use prior to 1 March 1986.
- 2. Certain traditionally used names shall constitute a designation of origin where they:
- (a) designate a wine;
- (b) refer to a geographical name;
- (c) meet the requirements referred to in points (i) to (iv) of paragraph 1(a); and
- (d) undergo the procedure conferring protection on designations of origin and geographical indications laid down in this Subsection;
- 3. Designations of origin and geographical indications, including those relating to geographical areas in third countries, shall be eligible for protection in the Union in accordance with the rules laid down in this Subsection.
  - Or. en

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- (b) refer to a geographical name;
- (c) meet the requirements referred to in points (i) to (iv) of paragraph 1(a); and
- (d) undergo the procedure conferring protection on designations of origin and geographical indications laid down in this Subsection;
- 3. Designations of origin and geographical indications, including those relating to geographical areas in third countries, shall be eligible for protection in the Union in accordance with the rules laid down in this Subsection.

#### Amendment 176

## Proposal for a regulation Article 71

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 71

### Applications for protection

- 1. Applications for protection of names as designations of origin or geographical indications shall include a technical file containing:
- (a) the name to be protected;
- (b) the name and address of the applicant;
- (c) a product specification as referred to in paragraph 2; and
- (d) a single document summarising the product specification referred to in paragraph 2.
- 2. The product specification shall enable interested parties to verify the relevant conditions of production of the designation of origin or geographical indication.

#### Amendment

#### Article 71

### Applications for protection

- 1. Applications for protection of names as designations of origin or geographical indications shall include a technical file containing:
- (a) the name to be protected;
- (b) the name and address of the applicant;
- (c) a product specification as referred to in paragraph 2; and
- (d) a single document summarising the product specification referred to in paragraph 2.
- 2. The product specification shall enable interested parties to verify the relevant conditions of production of the designation of origin or geographical indication.

Such product specification shall at least consist of:

- (a) the name to be protected;
- (b) a description of the wine(s) and, in particular;
- (i) for wines with a designation of origin, their principal analytical and organoleptic characteristics;
- (ii) for wines with a geographical indication, their principal analytical characteristics as well as an evaluation or indication of their organoleptic characteristics;
- (c) where applicable, the specific oenological practices used to make the wine(s) as well as the relevant restrictions on making the wine(s);
- (d) the demarcation of the geographical area concerned;

- (e) the maximum yields per hectare;
- (f) an indication of the wine grape variety or varieties from which the wine(s) is obtained;
- (g) the details proving that the requirements referred to in Article 70(1)(a) or, as the case may be, in Article 70(1)(b)(i), have been complied with;
- (h) any applicable requirements concerning the production of the product with a PDO or a PGI laid down in Union or national law or, where provided for by Member States, by an organisation which manages the protected designation of origin or the protected geographical indication;
- (i) the name and address of the authorities or bodies verifying compliance with the provisions of the product specification and their specific tasks.

The requirements referred to in point (h) of the second subparagraph shall be objective, non-discriminatory and compatible with Union law.

3. Where the application for protection concerns a geographical area in a third country, in addition to the elements provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2, it shall contain a proof that the name concerned is protected in its country of origin.

Or. en

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3. Where the application for protection

#### **Amendment 177**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 73

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Article 73

Preliminary national procedure

1. Applications for protection of a

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Article 73

Preliminary national procedure

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designation of origin or a geographical indication as referred to in Article 71 for wines originating in the Union shall be subject to a preliminary national procedure.

- designation of origin or a geographical indication as referred to in Article 71 for wines originating in the Union shall be subject to a preliminary national procedure.
- 1a. The application for protection shall be filed with the Member State on the territory of which the designation of origin or geographical indication originates.

The Member State shall examine the application for protection in order to verify whether it meets the conditions laid down in this Subsection.

The Member State shall ensure the adequate publication at national level of the application and provide for a period of at least two months from the date of publication within which written objections to the proposed protection may be lodged. Such objections shall be in the form of a duly substantiated statement and may be made by any natural or legal person resident or established on the territory of the Member State, having a legitimate interest.

- 2. If the Member State considers that the designation of origin or *the* geographical indication does not *comply with* the *conditions laid down in this Subsection* or is incompatible with Union law, it shall reject the application.
- 3. If the Member State considers that the *conditions laid down in this Subsection* are *complied with*, it shall:
- 3. If the Member State considers that the requirements are met, it shall carry out a national procedure which ensures adequate publication of the product specification at least on the Internet.

2. If the Member State considers that the

or is incompatible with Union law, it shall

designation of origin or geographical indication does not *meet* the *requirements* 

reject the application.

- (a) ensure adequate publication, at least on the Internet, of the product specification referred to in point (d) of Article 71(1);
- (b) submit to the Commission an application for protection containing the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the applicant;

- (ii) the single document referred to in Article 71(1)(d);
- (iii) a declaration by the Member State that it considers that the application lodged by the applicant meets the conditions required; and
- (iv) the reference to the publication made pursuant to point (a).

The information referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph shall be forwarded in one of the official languages of the Union or accompanied by a certified translation into one of those languages.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 178**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 79

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 79

#### Relationships with trademarks

1. Where a designation of origin or a geographical indication is protected under this Regulation, the registration of a trade mark the use of which falls under Article 80(2) and relating to a product falling under one of the categories listed in Part II of Annex VI shall be refused if the application for registration of the trade mark is submitted after the date of submission of the application for protection of the designation of origin or geographical indication to the Commission and the designation of origin or geographical indication is subsequently protected.

Trade marks registered in breach of the first subparagraph shall be invalidated.

#### Amendment

#### Article 79

#### Relationships with trademarks

1. The registration of a trade mark which contains a designation of origin or geographical indication protected under this Regulation, or which is constituted by such a designation or indication, the use of which falls under Article 80(2) and relating to a product falling under one of the categories listed in Part II of Annex VI shall be refused if the application for registration of the trade mark is submitted after the date of the lodging of the application for protection of the designation of origin or geographical indication to the Commission and the designation of origin or geographical indication is subsequently protected.

Trade marks registered in breach of the first subparagraph shall be invalidated.

2. Without prejudice to Article 78(2), a trade mark the use of which falls under Article 80(2), which has been applied for, registered or established by use, if that possibility is provided for by the legislation concerned, in the territory of the Union before the date on which the application *for* protection *of* the designation of origin or geographical indication is submitted to the Commission, may continue to be used and renewed notwithstanding the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication, provided that no grounds for the trade mark's invalidity or revocation exist under Directive 2008/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks or by Council Regulation (EC) No 207/2009 of 26 February 2009 on the Community trade mark.

In such cases the use of the designation of origin or geographical indication shall be permitted alongside the relevant trade marks.

2. Without prejudice to Article 78(2), a trade mark the use of which falls under Article 80(2), which has been applied for, registered or established by use in good *faith*, if that possibility is provided for by the legislation concerned, in the territory of the Union either before the date of protection of the designation of origin or geographical indication in the country of origin, or before 1 January 1996, may continue to be used notwithstanding the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication, provided that no grounds for the trade mark's invalidity or revocation exist under Directive 2008/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks or by Council Regulation (EC) No 207/2009 of 26 February 2009 on the Community trade mark.

In such cases the use of the designation of origin or geographical indication shall be permitted alongside the relevant trade marks.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 179**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 82

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 82

Amendments to product specifications

1. An applicant satisfying the conditions laid down *pursuant to point (b) of Article 86(4)* may apply for approval of an amendment to the product specification of a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication, in particular to take account of developments

#### Amendment

#### Article 82

Amendments to product specifications

1. An applicant satisfying the conditions laid down *in Article 72* may apply for approval of an amendment to the product specification of a protected designation of origin or *of* a protected geographical indication, in particular to take account of developments in scientific and technical

in scientific and technical knowledge or to redefine the geographical area *concerned*. Applications shall describe and *give* reasons for the amendments requested.

knowledge or to redefine the geographical area *referred to in point (d) of the second subparagraph of Article 71(2)*. Applications shall describe and *state* reasons for the amendments requested.

By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States or third countries concerned, or their competent authority, may apply for approval of an amendment to the product specification of existing protected wine names in accordance with Article 84(1).

1a. Where the proposed amendment involves one or more amendments to the single document referred to in Article 71(1)(d), Articles 73 to 76 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the amendment application. However, if the proposed amendment is only minor, the Commission shall adopt implementing acts, containing its decision whether to approve the application without following the procedure laid down in Article 74(2) and Article 75 and, in the event of approval, shall publish the elements referred to in Article 74(3). Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

- 1b. Where the proposed amendment does not involve any change to the single document, the following rules shall apply:
- (a) where the geographical area concerned is in a given Member State, that Member State shall decide on the amendment and, in the event of approval, shall publish the amended product specification and inform the Commission of the amendments approved and the reasons for them;
- (b) where the geographical area concerned is in a third country, the Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, decide whether to approve the proposed amendment. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in

Or. en

#### **Amendment 180**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 84

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 84

Existing protected wine names

- 1. Wine names, which are protected in accordance with Articles 51 and 54 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and Article 28 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2002, shall automatically be protected under this Regulation. The Commission shall list them in the register provided for in Article 81 of this Regulation.
- 2. The Commission shall take the corresponding formal step of removing wine names to which Article 191(3) of Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799] applies from the register provided for in Article 81 by means of implementing acts.
- 3. Article 83 shall not apply to existing protected wine names referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Until 31 December 2014 the Commission may, on its own initiative, by means of implementing acts, decide to cancel protection of existing protected wine names referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article if they do not meet the conditions laid down in Article 70.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination

#### Amendment

#### Article 84

Existing protected wine names

- 1. Wine names *referred to in* Articles 51 and 54 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 and Article 28 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 753/2002, shall *be* automatically protected under this Regulation. The Commission shall list them in the register provided for in Article 81 of this Regulation.
- 2. The Commission may adopt implementing acts removing wine names to which Article 118s(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 applies from the register provided for in Article 81. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).
- 3. Article 83 shall not apply to existing protected wine names referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Until 31 December 2014 the Commission may, on its own initiative, by means of implementing acts, decide to cancel protection of existing protected wine names referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article if they do not meet the conditions laid down in Article 70.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination

procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

4. For Croatia, the wine names published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* shall be protected under this Regulation, subject to a favourable outcome of the objection procedure. The Commission shall list them in the register provided for in Article 81

procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

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Or. en

#### Amendment 181

## Proposal for a regulation Article 86

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 86

#### Delegated powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 5 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account of the specificities of the production in the demarcated geographical area, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt:
- (a) the *principles* for the demarcation of the geographical area, and
- (b) the *definitions*, restrictions and derogations concerning the production in the demarcated geographical area.
- 3. Taking into account the need to ensure product quality and traceability, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, provide for the conditions under which product specifications may include additional requirements.
- 4. Taking into account the need to ensure the legitimate rights and interests of producers or operators, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt

#### Amendment

#### Article 86

#### Delegated powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 5 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account of the specificities of the production in the demarcated geographical area, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt:
- (a) the *additional details* for the demarcation of the geographical area, and
- (b) the restrictions and derogations concerning the production in the demarcated geographical area.
- 3. Taking into account the need to ensure product quality and traceability, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, provide for the conditions under which product specifications may include additional requirements.
- 4. Taking into account the need to ensure the legitimate rights and interests of producers or operators, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt

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rules on:

## (a) the elements of the product specification;

- (b) the type of applicant that may apply for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication;
- (c) the conditions to be followed in respect of an application for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication, *preliminary national procedures*, scrutiny by the Commission, objection procedure, and procedures for amendment, cancellation and conversion of protected designations of origin or protected geographical indications;
- (d) the conditions applicable to transborder applications;
- (e) the conditions for applications concerning geographical areas in a third country;
- (f) the date from which a protection or an amendment of a protection shall apply;
- (g) the conditions related to amendments to product specifications.
- 5. Taking into account the need to ensure an adequate protection, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt restrictions regarding the protected name.
- 6. Taking into account the need to ensure that economic operators and competent authorities are not prejudiced by the application of this Subsection as regards wine names which have been granted protection prior to 1 August 2009 or for which an application for protection has been made prior to that date, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt transitional provisions concerning:
- (a) wine names recognised by Member

rules on:

- (b) the type of applicant that may apply for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication;
- (c) the conditions to be followed in respect of an application for the protection of a designation of origin or geographical indication, scrutiny by the Commission, objection procedure, and procedures for amendment, cancellation and conversion of protected designations of origin or protected geographical indications;
- (d) the conditions applicable to transborder applications;
- (e) the conditions for applications concerning geographical areas in a third country:
- (f) the date from which a protection or an amendment of a protection shall apply;
- (g) the conditions related to amendments to product specifications and the conditions under which an amendment is to be considered as minor within the meaning of Article 82(1a).
- 5. Taking into account the need to ensure an adequate protection, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt restrictions regarding the protected name.

States as designations of origin or geographical indications by 1 August 2009 and wine names for which an application for protection has been made prior to that date;

- (b) preliminary national procedure;
- (c) wines placed on the market or labelled before a specific date; and
- (d) amendments to the product specifications.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 182**

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Traditional terms shall be recognised, defined and protected by the Commission.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 183**

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

- 1a. Traditional terms shall be protected only in the language and for the categories of grape vine products claimed in the application, against:
- (a) any misuse of the protected term, including where it is accompanied by an expression such as 'style', 'type', 'method', 'as produced in', 'imitation', 'flavour', 'like' or similar;
- (b) any other false or misleading

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indication as to the nature, characteristics or essential qualities of the product, placed on the inner or outer packaging, advertising material or documents relating to it;

(c) any other practice likely to mislead the consumer, in particular to give the impression that the wine qualifies for the protected traditional term.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 184**

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

1b. Where a traditional term is protected under this Regulation, the registration of a trademark, the use of which would contravene Article 89c, shall be assessed in accordance with Directive 2008/95/EC or Regulation (EC) No 207/2009.

Trademarks registered in breach of the first subparagraph shall be declared invalid upon request in accordance with the applicable procedures as specified by Directive 2008/95/EC or Regulation (EC) No 207/2009.

A trademark, which corresponds to one of the situations referred to in Article 89c of this Regulation, and which has been applied for, registered or established by use, if that possibility is provided for by the legislation concerned, in the territory of the Union before 4 May 2002 or before the date of submission of the application for protection of the traditional term to the Commission, may continue to be used and renewed notwithstanding the protection of the traditional term. In such cases the use of the traditional term shall be permitted alongside the relevant

#### trademark.

A name shall not be protected as a traditional term, where in the light of a trademark's reputation and renown, such protection is liable to mislead the consumer as to the true identity, nature, characteristic or quality of the wine.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 185**

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

Ic. A term, for which an application is lodged and which is wholly or partially homonymous with that of a traditional term already protected under this Chapter shall be protected paying due regard to local and traditional usage and to the risk of confusion. A homonymous term which misleads consumers as to the nature, quality or the true origin of the products shall not be registered even if the term is accurate.

The use of a protected homonymous term shall be subject to there being a sufficient distinction in practice between the homonym protected subsequently and the traditional term already protected, having regard to the need to treat the producers concerned in an equitable manner and not to mislead the consumer.

Or. en

**Amendment 186** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 – paragraph 1 d (new)

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Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1d. Within two months from the date of publication of the application by the Commission, any Member State or third country, or any natural or legal person having a legitimate interest may object to the proposed recognition by lodging a request of objection.

Or. en

**Amendment 187** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 – paragraph 1 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1e. An applicant may apply for an approval of a modification of a traditional term, the language indicated, the wine or wines concerned or of the summary of the definition or conditions of use of the traditional term concerned.

Or. en

**Amendment 188** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 – paragraph 1 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

If. The Commission may, on a duly substantiated request by a Member State, a third country or a natural or legal person having a legitimate interest, adopt implementing acts, containing its decision to cancel the protection of a traditional term if it no longer meets the definition laid down in Article 89.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

**Amendment 189** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 89a

Conditions for the use of traditional terms

- 1. The term to be protected shall be either:
- (a) in the official language(s) or regional language(s) of the Member State or third country where the term originates; or
- (b) in the language used in commerce for this term.
- 2. The term used in a certain language shall refer to specific products referred to in Article 69(1).
- 3. The term shall be registered with its original spelling(s).

Or. en

**Amendment 190** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 89b

Conditions of validity

1. The recognition of a traditional term shall be accepted if:

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- (a) the term consists solely of:
- (i) a name traditionally used in commerce in a large part of the territory of the Community or of the third country concerned, to distinguish specific categories of grapevine products referred to in Article 69(1); or
- (ii) a reputed name traditionally used in commerce in at least the territory of the Member State or third country concerned, to distinguish specific categories of grapevine products referred to in Article 69(1);
- (b) the term shall:
- (i) not be generic;
- (ii) be defined and regulated in the Member State's legislation; or
- (iii) be subject to conditions of use as provided for by rules applicable to wine producers in the third country concerned, including those emanating from representative professional organisations.
- 2. For the purpose of paragraph (1), point (a), "traditional use" means:
- (a) at least five years in the case of terms filed in language(s) referred to in Article 89a, paragraph (1)(a);
- (b) at least 15 years in the case of terms filed in language(s) referred to in Article 89a(1)(b).
- 3. For the purpose of paragraph (1), point (b)(i), "generic" means the name of a traditional term which, although it relates to a specific production method or ageing method, or the quality, colour, type of place, or a particular linked to the history of a grapevine product, has become the common name of the grapevine product in question in the Union.
- 4. The condition laid down in paragraph 1(b) of this Article shall not apply to the traditional terms referred to in point (b) of Article 89.

#### **Amendment 191**

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

**Amendment** 

#### Article 89c

#### **Applicants**

- 1. Competent authorities of Member States or third countries or representative professional organisations established in third countries may submit to the Commission an application for protection of traditional terms within the meaning of Article 89.
- 2. "Representative professional organisation" shall mean any producer organisation or association of producer organisations having adopted the same rules, operating in a given wine-growing area or in several wine-growing areas with a designation of origin or geographical indication, where it includes in its membership at least two-thirds of the producers in the designation of origin or geographical indication area(s) in which it operates and accounts for at least two thirds of that area's production. A representative professional organisation may lodge an application for protection only for wines which it produces.

Or. en

**Amendment 192** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 89 d (new)

#### Amendment

#### Article 89d

#### Recognition procedure

Any decision to reject or recognise the traditional term concerned shall be taken by the Commission on the basis of the evidence available to it. It shall consider whether or not the conditions referred to in Article 89, 89a and 89b, or laid down in Article 90a(3) or Article 90b, have been met.

The decision to reject shall be notified to the objector and to the Member State or the third-country authorities or the representative professional organisation established in the third country in question.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 193**

Proposal for a regulation Article 91 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the applicants that may apply for the protection of a traditional term;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 194** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 91 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) the grounds for objecting to a proposed recognition of a traditional

deleted

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term;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 195**

Proposal for a regulation Article 91 – paragraph 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) the scope of the protection, the relationship with trade marks, protected traditional terms, protected designations of origin or geographical indications, homonyms, or certain wine grape names;

deleted

Or. en

#### **Amendment 196**

Proposal for a regulation Article 91 – paragraph 3 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) the grounds for cancellation of a traditional term;

deleted

Or. en

#### **Amendment 197**

Proposal for a regulation Article 91 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 4. Taking into account the specificities in trade between the Union and certain third countries, the Commission may, , adopt the conditions under which traditional terms may be used on products from third
- 4. Taking into account the specificities in trade between the Union and certain third countries, the Commission may, by way of derogation from Article 89, adopt delegated acts laying down the conditions

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countries and provide for derogations from Article 89.

under which traditional terms may be used on products from third countries and provide for derogations from Article 89.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 198**

Proposal for a regulation Article 93 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 199**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 95

Text proposed by the Commission

Save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation, Directive 2008/95/EC, Council Directive 89/396/EEC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive 2007/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council shall apply to the labelling and presentation.

#### Amendment

*1.* Save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation, Directive 2008/95/EC, Council Directive 89/396/EEC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive 2007/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council shall apply to the labelling and presentation.

The labelling of the products referred to in points 1 to 11, 13, 15 and 16 of Part II of Annex VI may not be supplemented by any particulars other than those provided for in this Regulation unless those particulars satisfy the requirements of Article 2(1)(a) of Directive 2000/13/EC.

1a. Where one or more of the ingredients listed in Annex IIIa to Directive

2000/13/EC is present in one of the products referred to in Part II of Annex VI to this Regulation, they shall be indicated on the labelling, preceded by the term "contains".

For sulphites, the following terms may be used: "sulphites", "sulfites", "sulphur dioxide" or "sulfur dioxide".

1b. The list of ingredients referred to in paragraph 1 amay be accompanied by the use of a pictogram. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, determining the use of such pictograms.

Or. en

#### Amendment 200

Proposal for a regulation Article 96 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. By way of derogation from point (a) of paragraph 1, the reference to the category of the grapevine product may be omitted for wines whose labels include the name of a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication.

#### Amendment

2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1(a), the reference to the category of the grapevine product may be omitted for wines whose labels include the name of a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication *and* for quality sparkling wines whose labels include the term "Sekt".

Or. en

#### **Amendment 201**

Proposal for a regulation Article 96 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) where a traditional term as referred to

Amendment

(a) where a traditional term referred to in Article 89(1)(a) is displayed on the label *in* 

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Article 89(a) is displayed on the label;

accordance with the legislation of a Member State or with the product specification referred to in Article 71(2) of this Regulation;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 202**

### Proposal for a regulation Article 99 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the need to ensure the conformity with horizontal rules related to labelling and presentation, and to consider the specificities of the wine sector, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt *definitions*, rules and restrictions on:

#### Amendment

2. Taking into account the need to ensure the conformity with horizontal rules related to labelling and presentation, and to consider the specificities of the wine sector, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt rules and restrictions on:

Or. en

#### **Amendment 203**

### Proposal for a regulation Article 99 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Taking into account the need to take account of the specificities in trade between the Union and certain third countries, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt derogations from this Section as regards *trade between the Union and* certain third countries.

#### Amendment

6. Taking into account the need to take account of the specificities in trade between the Union and certain third countries, the Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopt derogations from this Section as regards *exports to* certain third countries.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 204**

## Proposal for a regulation Article 100 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 100a

Duration

With the exceptions of Article 101(1), (2b), (2d) and (2e), and Article 101a, this section shall apply until the end of the 2019/2020 marketing year.

Or. en

**Amendment 205** 

Proposal for a regulation Part II – Title II – Chapter II – Section 1 – Subsection 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

# SUBSECTION 1 SPECIFIC MEASURES

Or. en

**Amendment 206** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 101

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 101

Sugar sector agreements

1. The terms for buying sugar beet and sugar cane, including pre-sowing delivery *agreements*, shall be governed by written agreements within the trade concluded between Union growers of sugar beet and sugar cane and Union sugar undertakings.

Amendment

Article 101

Sugar sector agreements

1. The terms for buying sugar beet and sugar cane, including pre-sowing delivery *contracts*, shall be governed by written agreements within the trade concluded between, *on the one hand*, Union growers of sugar beet and sugar cane *or*, *on their* 

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behalf, the organisations of which they are members, and, on the other hand, Union sugar undertakings or, on their behalf, the organisations of which they are members.

2. Taking into account the specificities of the sugar sector, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 on the conditions of the agreements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

2a. In delivery contracts, a distinction shall be made depending on whether the quantities of sugar to be manufactured from sugar beet are:

- (a) quota sugar; or
- (b) out-of-quota sugar.
- 2b. Each sugar undertaking shall provide the Member State in which it produces sugar with the following information:
- (a) the quantities of beet referred to in point (a) of paragraph 2a, for which they have concluded pre-sowing delivery contracts and the sugar content on which those contracts are based;
- (b) the corresponding estimated yield.

Member States may require additional information.

2c. Sugar undertakings which have not signed pre-sowing delivery contracts at the minimum price for quota beet, as provided for in Article 101g, for a quantity of beet equivalent to the sugar for which they hold a quota, adjusted, as the case may be, by the coefficient for a preventive withdrawal fixed pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 101d(2), shall be required to pay at least the minimum price for quota beet for all the sugar beet they process into sugar.

2d. Subject to the approval of the Member State concerned, agreements within the trade may derogate from paragraphs 2a,

2b and 2c.

2e. If no agreements within the trade exist, the Member State concerned shall take the necessary steps compatible with this Regulation to protect the interests of the parties concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 207

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 101a

Price reporting in the sugar market

The Commission may adopt implementing acts establishing a system for reporting sugar market prices, including arrangements for publishing the price levels for this market. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2),

The system referred to in the first paragraph shall be based on information submitted by undertakings producing white sugar or by other operators involved in the sugar trade. This information shall be treated as confidential.

The Commission shall ensure that the information published does not enable the prices of individual undertakings or operators to be identified.

Or. en

**Amendment 208** 

# Proposal for a regulation Article 101 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 101b

#### Production charge

- 1. A production charge shall be levied on the sugar quota, the isoglucose quota and the inulin syrup quota held by undertakings producing sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup as referred to in Article 101h(2) and on the out-of-quota quantities referred to in Article 101l(1)(e).
- 2. The production charge shall be set at EUR 12.00 per tonne of quota sugar and quota inulin syrup. For isoglucose, the production charge shall be set at 50 % of the charge applicable to sugar.
- 3. The totality of the production charge paid in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be charged by the Member State to the undertakings on its territory according to the quota held during the marketing year concerned.

Payments shall be made by the undertakings by the end of February of the relevant marketing year at the latest.

4. Union sugar and inulin syrup undertakings may require sugar-beet or sugar-cane growers or chicory suppliers to bear up to 50 % of the production charge concerned.

Or. en

**Amendment 209** 

# Proposal for a regulation Article 101 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 101c

#### Production refund

- 1. A production refund may be granted, until the end of the 2019/2020 marketing year, on the products of the sugar sector listed in points (b) to (e) of Part III of Annex I if surplus sugar or imported sugar, surplus isoglucose or surplus inulin syrup is not available at a price corresponding to the world price for the manufacturing of the products referred to in Article 101m(2)(b) and (c).
- 2. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts fixing the production refunds referred to in paragraph 1. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).
- 3. In order to take into account the special characteristics of the out-of-quota sugar market in the Union, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, determining the conditions for the granting of the production refunds referred to in this section.

Or. en

**Amendment 210** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 101d Withdrawal of sugar

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1. Given the need to avoid price collapses in the internal market and to remedy situations of overproduction based on the forecast supply balance, and taking into account the commitments of the Union resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty, the Commission may adopt implementing acts, containing decisions to withdraw from the market, for a given marketing year, those quantities of sugar or isoglucose produced under quotas which exceed the threshold calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article.

In that case, white sugar and raw sugar imports from all sources and not reserved for the production of one of the products referred to in Article 101m(2) shall be withdrawn from the Union market by the same proportion for the marketing year concerned.

2. The withdrawal threshold referred to in paragraph 1 shall be calculated, for each undertaking holding a quota, by multiplying its quota by a coefficient. The Commission may adopt implementing acts fixing that coefficient no later than 28 February of the previous marketing year, on the basis of expected market trends.

On the basis of updated market trends, the Commission may, by 31 October of the marketing year concerned, adopt implementing acts, containing its decision either to adjust or, in the case where no coefficient has been fixed pursuant to the first subparagraph, to fix a coefficient.

3. Each undertaking provided with a quota shall store at its own expense until the beginning of the following marketing year the sugar produced under quota beyond the threshold calculated in accordance with paragraph 2. The sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup quantities withdrawn during a marketing year shall be treated as the first quantities produced

under quota for the following marketing vear.

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, taking into account the expected sugar market trends, the Commission may adopt implementing acts, containing its decision to consider, for the current and/or the following marketing year, all or part of the withdrawn sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup as:

- (a) surplus sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup available to become industrial sugar, industrial isoglucose or industrial inulin syrup; or
- (b) temporary quota production of which a part may be reserved for export respecting the commitments of the Union resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty.
- 4. If sugar supply in the Union is inadequate, the Commission may adopt implementing acts, containing its decision allowing a certain quantity of withdrawn sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup to be sold on the Union market before the end of the period of withdrawal.
- 5. In the case where withdrawn sugar is treated as the first sugar production of the following marketing year, the minimum price of that marketing year shall be paid to beet growers.

In the case where withdrawn sugar becomes industrial sugar or is exported in accordance with points (a) and (b) of paragraph 3 of this Article, the requirements of Article 101g on the minimum price shall not apply.

In the case where withdrawn sugar is sold on the Union market before the end of the period of withdrawal in accordance with paragraph 4, the minimum price of the ongoing marketing year shall be paid to beet growers.

6. Implementing acts pursuant to this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 211**

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 da (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 101 da

Temporary market management mechanism

Without prejudice of the agreements concluded pursuant to Article 218 of the Treaty and until the end of the quota system, the Commission may adopt implementing acts activating a temporary market management mechanism in order to address severe market imbalances, triggering the following measures:

- release of out-of-quota sugar onto the internal market, applying the same conditions as for quota sugar, as described in Article 1011(1)(e); and
- notably when the European Commission data for imported raw and white sugar reach a level below 3 million tonnes for the marketing year, suspension of import duties, as described in Article 130b.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 212**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 101 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 101e

#### **Delegated** powers

In order to take into account the special characteristics of the sugar sector and to ensure that the interests of all parties are duly taken into account, and given the need to prevent any disturbance of the market, the Commission may adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, introducing rules on:

- (a) delivery contracts and purchase terms as referred to Article 101(1);
- (b) the criteria to be applied by the sugar undertakings when allocating among beet sellers the quantities of beet to be covered by pre-sowing delivery contracts as referred to in Article 101(2b);
- (c) the temporary market management mechanism referred to in Article 101da, on the basis of the forecast supply balance, including the conditions for the release of the out-of-quota sugar referred to in Article 101l(1)(e) onto the internal market, applying the same conditions as for quota sugar.

Or. en

**Amendment 213** 

Proposal for a regulation
Part II – Title II – Chapter II – Section 1 – subsection 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

SUBSECTION 1a SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION REGULATION

#### **Amendment 214**

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

**Amendment** 

### Article 101f

### Quotas in the sugar sector

- 1. A quota system shall apply to sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup.
- 2. As regards the quota systems referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, if a producer exceeds the relevant quota and does not make use of the surplus quantities as provided for in Article 1011, a surplus levy shall be payable on such quantities, subject to the conditions set out in Articles 1011 to 1010.

Or. en

### **Amendment 215**

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 g (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 101g

#### Minimum beet price

- 1. The minimum price for quota beet shall be EUR 26.29 per tonne until the end of the 2019/2020 marketing year.
- 2. The minimum price referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply to sugar beet of the standard quality defined in point B of Annex III.
- 3. Sugar undertakings buying quota beet suitable for processing into sugar and

intended for processing into quota sugar shall be required to pay at least the minimum price, adjusted by price increases or reductions to allow for deviations from the standard quality.

In order to adjust the price where the actual quality of sugar beet differs from the standard quality, the increases and reductions referred to in the first subparagraph shall be applied in accordance with rules laid down by the Commission by means of delegated acts pursuant to Article 101p(5).

4. For the quantities of sugar beet corresponding to the quantities of industrial sugar or surplus sugar that are subject to the surplus levy provided for in Article 1010, the sugar undertaking concerned shall adjust the purchase price so that it is at least equal to the minimum price for quota beet.

Or. en

**Amendment 216** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 h (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Amendment

#### Article 101h

#### Quota allocation

1. The quotas for the production of sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup at national or regional level are fixed in Annex IIIb.

By way of derogation from subparagraph 1, the Commission may adopt implementing acts, without the application of Article 162(2) or (3), and at the request of the Member States concerned, allocating quotas to Member States who, in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 320/2006, renounced

their entire quota. For the purpose of this subparagraph, when assessing a Member State's request, the Commission shall not take into account the quotas allocated to undertakings situated in the outermost regions of the Union.

2. The Member States shall allocate a quota to each undertaking producing sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup established in its territory and approved under Article 101i.

For each undertaking, the allocated quota shall be equal to the quota under Regulation (EC) No 513/2010 which was allocated to the undertaking for the marketing year 2010/2011.

3. In case of allocation of a quota to a sugar undertaking having more than one production unit, the Member States shall adopt the measures they consider necessary in order to take due account of the interests of sugar beet and cane growers.

Or. en

**Amendment 217** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 101i

# Approved undertakings

1. On request, Member States shall grant approval to an undertaking producing sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup or to an undertaking that processes these products into a product included in the list referred to in Article 101m(2) provided that the undertaking:

(a) proves its professional production

# capacities;

- (b) agrees to provide any information and to be subject to controls related to this Regulation;
- (c) is not subject to suspension or withdrawal of the approval.
- 2. The approved undertakings shall provide the Member State in whose territory the harvest of beet, cane or the refining takes place, with the following information:
- (a) the quantities of beet or cane for which a delivery contract has been concluded, as well as the corresponding estimated yields of beet or cane, and sugar per hectare;
- (b) data regarding provisional and actual sugar beet, sugar cane and raw sugar deliveries, and regarding sugar production and statements of sugar stocks;
- (c) the quantities of white sugar sold and the corresponding prices and conditions.

Or. en

**Amendment 218** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 j (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 101j

Adjustment of the national quotas

The Commission may, by means of delegated acts adopted in accordance with Article 160, adjust the quotas that appear in Annex IIIb following decisions taken by the Member States in accordance with Article 101k.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 101 k (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

**Amendment** 

#### Article 101k

National quota reallocation and reduction of quotas

- 1. A Member State may reduce the sugar or isoglucose quota that has been allocated to an undertaking established on its territory by up to 10 %. In doing so, the Member States shall apply objective and non-discriminatory criteria.
- 2. Member States may transfer quotas between undertakings in accordance with the rules laid down in Annex IIIc and taking into consideration the interests of each of the parties concerned, particularly sugar beet and cane growers.
- 3. The quantities reduced pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be allocated by the Member State in question to one or more undertakings on its territory, whether or not they hold a quota.

Or. en

**Amendment 220** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 l (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 1011

Out-of-quota production

1. The sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup

- produced during a marketing year in excess of the quota referred to in Article 101h may be:
- (a) used for the processing of certain products as referred to in Article 101m;
- (b) carried forward to the quota production of the next marketing year, in accordance with Article 101n;
- (c) used for the specific supply regime for the outermost regions, in accordance with [Chapter III of Regulation [ex (EC) No 247/2006] of the European Parliament and of the Council;
- (d) exported within the quantitative limit fixed by the Commission by means of implementing acts, respecting the commitments resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty; or
- (e) released onto the internal market, in compliance with the mechanism described in Article 101da, applying the same conditions as for quota sugar, for purposes of adjusting supply to demand, in quantities and subject to arrangements determined by the Commission by means of delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 101p(6) and to Article 101e(c), and on the basis of the forecast supply balance.

The measures referred to in this Article shall be implemented before any activation of the measures to prevent market disturbance referred to in Article 154(1).

Other quantities shall be subject to the surplus levy referred to in Article 1010.

2. Implementing acts pursuant to this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

# Proposal for a regulation Article 101 m (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

# Article 101m

# Industrial sugar

- 1. Industrial sugar, industrial isoglucose or industrial inulin syrup shall be reserved for the production of one of the products referred to in paragraph 2 when:
- (a) it has been subject to a delivery contract concluded before the end of the marketing year between a producer and a user which have both been granted approval in accordance with Article 101i; and
- (b) it has been delivered to the user by 30 November of the following marketing year at the latest.
- 2. In order to take account of technical developments, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated act, in accordance with Article 160, establishing a list of products for the production of which industrial sugar, industrial isoglucose or industrial inulin syrup may be used.

The list shall in particular, include:

- (a) bioethanol, alcohol, rum, live yeast and quantities of syrups for spreading and those to be processed into "Rinse appelstroop";
- (b) certain industrial products without sugar content but which are processed using sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup;
- (c) certain products of the chemical or pharmaceutical industry which contain sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 101 n (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 101n

# Carry-forward of surplus sugar

- 1. Each undertaking may decide to carry forward all or part of its production in excess of its sugar quota, its isoglucose quota or its inulin syrup quota to be treated as part of the next marketing year's production. Without prejudice to paragraph 3, that decision shall be irrevocable.
- 2. Undertakings which take the decision referred to in paragraph 1 shall:
- (a) inform the Member State concerned before a date to be determined by that Member State:
- between 1 February and 15 August of the current marketing year for quantities of cane sugar being carried forward;
- between 1 February and 31 August of the current marketing year for other quantities of sugar or inulin syrup being carried forward;
- (b) undertake to store such quantities at their own expense until the end of the current marketing year.
- 3. If an undertaking's definitive production in the marketing year concerned was less than the estimate made when the decision in accordance with paragraph 1 was taken, the quantity carried forward may be adjusted retroactively by 31 October of the following marketing year at the latest.

- 4. The quantities carried forward shall be deemed to be the first quantities produced under the quota of the following marketing year.
- 5. Sugar stored in accordance with this Article during a marketing year may not be subject to any other storage measures provided for in Articles 16 or 101d.

#### **Amendment 223**

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 o (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 101o

Surplus levy

- 1. A surplus levy shall be levied on quantities of:
- (a) surplus sugar, surplus isoglucose and surplus inulin syrup produced during any marketing year, except for quantities carried forward to the quota production of the following marketing year and stored in accordance with Article 101n or quantities referred to in points (c), (d) and (e) of Article 1011(1);
- (b) industrial sugar, industrial isoglucose or industrial inulin syrup in respect of which no proof of use in one of the products referred to in Article 101m(2) has been supplied within a time limit to be fixed by the Commission by means of implementing acts adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2);
- (c) sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup withdrawn from the market in accordance with Article 101n and for which the obligations provided for in Article 101d(3)

#### are not met.

- 2. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts fixing the surplus levy at a level sufficiently high to prevent the accumulation of the quantities referred to in paragraph 1. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).
- 3. The surplus levy referred to in paragraph 1 shall be charged by the Member State to the undertakings on its territory according to the quantities of production referred to in paragraph 1 that have been established for those undertakings for the marketing year concerned.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 224**

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 p (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 101p

### **Delegated** powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2 to 6 of this Article.
- 2. Given the need to ensure that undertakings referred to in Article 101i comply with their obligations, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down rules on the granting and the withdrawal of approval for such undertakings, as well as the criteria for administrative penalties.
- 3. Given the need to take into account the

special characteristics of the sugar sector and to ensure that the interests of all parties are duly taken into account, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down further definitions, including those of sugar, isoglucose and inulin syrup production, the production of an undertaking; as well as laying down the conditions governing sales to outermost regions.

- 4. Given the need to ensure that the beet growers are closely associated with a decision to carry forward a certain quantity of production, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down rules concerning carryforward of sugar.
- 5. Given the need to adjust the minimum price of sugar beet where its actual quality differs from the standard quality, as well as the need to take into account the special characteristics of the sugar sector and to ensure that the interests of all parties are duly taken into account, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down rules for the increases and reductions referred to in Article 101g(3).

Or. en

**Amendment 225** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 101 q (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 101q
Implementing powers

With regard to the undertakings referred

- to in Article 101(i), the Commission may adopt implementing acts, establishing rules concerning:
- (a) applications for approval by undertakings, the records to be kept by approved undertakings, the information to be submitted by approved undertakings;
- (b) the system of checks to be carried out by Member States on approved undertakings;
- (c) Member States' communications with the Commission and with approved undertakings;
- (d) the delivery to undertakings of raw materials, including delivery contracts and delivery notes;
- (e) equivalence regarding sugar referred to in Article 1011(1)(a);
- (f) the specific supply regime for the outermost regions;
- (g) exports as referred to in Article 1011(1)(d);
- (h) Member State cooperation to ensure effective checks;
- (i) modifying the dates laid down in Article 101n;
- (j) the establishment of the surplus quantity, the communications and payment of the surplus levy referred to in Article 1010.
- (k) the release of the out-of-quota sugar referred to in Article 1011(1)(e) onto the internal market;
- (l) the adoption of a list of full-time refiners pursuant to Annex II, Part Ia, point 12.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2),

Or. en

# Proposal for a regulation Part II – Title II – Chapter II – Section 2 – sub-section 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

# SUBSECTION 1 MONITORING PRODUCTION AND MARKETING

Or. en

#### Amendment 227

# Proposal for a regulation Article 102 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 1. Member States shall maintain a vineyard register which shall contain updated information on the production potential.
- 1. Member States shall maintain a vineyard register which shall contain updated information on the production potential and which shall be integrated into the parcel identification systems forming part of the common agricultural policy Integrated Administration and Control System.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 228**

Proposal for a regulation Article 102 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. After 1 January 2016, the Commission may, by means of an implementing act, decide that paragraphs 1 to 3 of this Article no longer apply. That

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implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

**Amendment 229** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 102 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 102a

Responsible national authorities for the wine sector

- 1. Without prejudice to any other provisions of this Regulation concerning the determination of competent national authorities, Member States shall designate one or more authorities which shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with Union rules in the wine sector. In particular, Member States shall designate the laboratories authorised to carry out official analyses in the wine sector. The designated laboratories shall meet the general criteria for the operation of testing laboratories set out in ISO/IEC 17025.
- 2. Member States shall inform the Commission of the names and addresses of the authorities and laboratories referred to in paragraph 1. The Commission shall make this information public and update it periodically.

Or. en

Proposal for a regulation
Part II – Title II – Chapter II – Section 2 – sub-section 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

SUBSECTION 1a SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION LIMITATION

Or. en

**Amendment 231** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 103a

**Duration** 

This Subsection shall apply until the end of the 2029/2030 marketing year.

Or. en

**Amendment 232** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 103b

Prohibition on planting vines

1. Without prejudice to Article 63 and in particular paragraph 4 thereof, the planting of vines of wine grape varieties classifiable according to Article 63(2) shall be prohibited.

- 2. The practice of grafting-on of wine grape varieties that are classifiable in accordance with Article 63(2) to varieties other than wine grape varieties referred to in that Article shall also be prohibited.
- 3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, plantings and grafting-on shall be allowed if covered by:
- (a) a new planting right, as provided for in Article 103c;
- (b) a replanting right, as provided for in Article 103d;
- (c) a planting right granted from a reserve, as provided for in Articles 103e and 103f.
- 4. The planting rights referred to in paragraph 3 shall be granted in hectares.

**Amendment 233** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 103c

# New planting rights

- 1. Member States may grant new planting rights to producers in respect of areas:
- (a) intended for new plantings carried out under measures for land consolidation or measures concerning compulsory purchases in the public interest adopted under national law;
- (b) intended for experimental purposes;
- (c) intended for graft nurseries; or
- (d) the wine or vine products of which are intended solely for the consumption by the wine-grower's household.

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- 2. New planting rights granted shall be:
- (a) exercised by the producer to whom they are granted;
- (b) used before the end of the second wine year after the one in which they were granted;
- (c) used for the purposes for which they were granted.

#### **Amendment 234**

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 103d

### Replanting rights

1. Member States shall grant replanting rights to producers who have grubbed up an area planted with vines.

However, grubbed-up areas for which a grubbing-up premium has been granted in accordance with Subsection III of Section IVa of Chapter III of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall not generate replanting rights.

- 2. Member States may grant replanting rights to producers who undertake to grub up an area planted with vines. In such cases, the grubbing-up of the pledged area shall be carried out at the latest at the end of the third year after which the new vines in respect of which the replanting rights were granted have been planted.
- 3. Replanting rights granted shall correspond to the equivalent of the grubbed-up area in terms of pure crop.
- 4. Replanting rights shall be exercised on the holding in respect of which they were

- granted. Member States may further stipulate that such replanting rights may be exercised only on the area where the grubbing-up was carried out.
- 5. By way of derogation from paragraph 4, Member States may decide that replanting rights may be transferred, in whole or in part, to another holding in the same Member State in the following cases:
- (a) part of the holding concerned is transferred to that other holding;
- (b) areas on that other holding are intended for:
- (i) the production of wines with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication, or
- (ii) the cultivation of graft nurseries.
- Member States shall ensure that the application of the derogation provided for in the first subparagraph does not lead to an overall increase in production potential on their territory, in particular when transfers are made from non-irrigated to irrigated areas.
- 6. Paragraphs 1 to 5 shall apply mutatis mutandis to rights similar to replanting rights acquired under prior Union or national legislation.
- 7. Replanting rights granted under Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 shall be used within the periods provided for therein.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 103 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 103e

National and regional reserve of planting rights

- 1. In order to improve management of the production potential, Member States shall create a national reserve or regional reserves of planting rights.
- 2. Member States which have established national or regional reserves of planting rights under Regulation (EC)
  No 1493/1999 may maintain those reserves as long as they apply the transitional planting right regime in accordance with this Subsection.
- 3. The following planting rights shall be allocated to national or regional reserves if they are not used within the prescribed period:
- (a) new planting rights;
- (b) replanting rights;
- (c) planting rights granted from the reserve.
- 4. Producers may transfer replanting rights to national or regional reserves. The conditions for such transfers, where appropriate in return for a payment to producers from national funds, shall be determined by the Member States, taking into account the legitimate interests of the parties.
- 5. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may decide not to implement a reserve system on condition that they are able to establish that an effective alternative system for managing planting rights exists throughout their territory. The alternative

system may derogate from the relevant provisions of this Subsection.

The first subparagraph shall also apply to Member States which cease to operate national or regional reserves under Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999.

Or. en

#### Amendment 236

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 103f

Granting planting rights from the reserve

- 1. Member States may grant rights from a reserve:
- (a) without payment, to producers who are 40 years of age or less, who possess adequate occupational skills and competences, who are setting up for the first time and who are established as the head of the holding;
- (b) in return for payment into national or, where appropriate, regional funds, to producers who intend to use the rights to plant vineyards the production of which has an assured outlet.

Member States shall define the criteria for setting the amounts of the payment referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph, which may vary depending on the final intended product of the vineyards concerned and on the residual transitional period during which the prohibition on new plantings, as provided for in Article 103b(1) and (2), applies.

2. Where planting rights granted from a reserve are used, Member States shall ensure that:

- (a) the location and the varieties and the cultivation techniques used guarantee that the subsequent production is adapted to market demand;
- (b) the yields concerned are typical of the average in the region, in particular where planting rights originating in non-irrigated areas are used in irrigated areas.
- 3. Planting rights granted from a reserve which are not used before the end of the second wine year after the one in which they were granted shall be forfeit and reallocated to the reserve.
- 4. Planting rights in a reserve which are not disbursed before the end of the fifth wine year following their allocation to the reserve shall be extinguished.
- 5. If regional reserves exist in a Member State, the Member State may lay down rules permitting the transfer of planting rights between regional reserves. If both regional and national reserves exist in a Member State, the Member State may also permit transfers between those reserves.

Transfers may be subject to a reduction coefficient.

Or. en

Amendment 237

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 g (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 103g

De-minimis rule

This Subsection shall not apply in Member States where the Community planting right regime did not apply by 31 December 2007.

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 h (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

**Amendment** 

#### Article 103h

#### Stricter national rules

Member States may adopt stricter national rules in respect of the award of new planting rights or replanting rights. They may require that the respective applications and the relevant information to be supplied therein be supplemented by additional information necessary for monitoring the development of production potential.

Or. en

**Amendment 239** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 103 i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

# Article 103i

# **Delegated** powers

- 1. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide for measures listed in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Article.
- 2. Taking into account the need to avoid and increase in production potential, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in order to do the following:
- (a) establish a list of situations in which

- grubbing-up does not generate replanting rights;
- (b) adopt rules concerning transfers of planting rights between the reserves;
- (c) prohibit the marketing wine or vine products intended solely for consumption by a vine grower's family.
- 3. Given the need to provide for an equal treatment of producers that engage in grubbing-up, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, laying down rules to ensure effectiveness of grubbing-up where replanting rights are granted.
- 4. Given the need to protect Union funds and the identity, provenance and quality of Union wine, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in order to do the following:
- (a) provide for the establishment of an analytical databank of isotopic data that will help detect fraud to be constructed on the basis of samples collected by Member States; and for rules on the Member States' own databanks;
- (b) adopt rules on control bodies and the mutual assistance between them;
- (c) adopt rules on the common use of Member States' findings;
- (d) adopt rules on the treatment of sanctions in the case of exceptional circumstances.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 103 j (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 103j

# Implementing powers

The Commission may adopt all necessary implementing acts, related to this Subsection, including laying down rules on:

- (a) the granting of new planting rights including recording and communication obligations;
- (b) the transfer of replanting rights, including a reduction coefficient;
- (c) the records to be kept by the Member States and notifications to the Commission, including a possible choice of a reserve system;
- (d) the granting planting rights from the reserve;
- (e) the checks to be undertaken by Member States and the reporting of information on such checks to the Commission.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

**Amendment 241** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 104

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Amendment

Article 104

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# Contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector

1. If a Member State decides that every delivery of raw milk by a farmer to a processor of raw milk must be covered by a written contract between the parties, such contract shall fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 2.

In the case described in the first subparagraph, the Member State concerned shall also decide that if the delivery of raw milk is made through one or more collectors, each stage of the delivery must be covered by such a contract between the parties. To this end, a "collector" means an undertaking which transports raw milk from a farmer or another collector to a processor of raw milk or another collector, where the ownership of the raw milk is transferred in each case.

- 2. The contract shall:
- (a) be concluded in advance of the delivery,
- (b) be made in writing, and
- (c) include, in particular, the following elements:
- (i) the price payable for the delivery, which shall:
- be static and be set out in the contract, and/or
- vary only on factors which are set out in the contract, in particular the development of the market situation based on market indicators, the volume delivered and the quality or composition of the raw milk delivered,
- (ii) the volume which may and/or shall be delivered and the timing of deliveries, and
- (iii) the duration of the contract, which may include an indefinite duration with termination clauses.

- 3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, a contract shall not be required where raw milk is delivered by a farmer to a processor of raw milk where the processor is a co-operative of which the farmer is a member if its statutes contain provisions having similar effects as those set out in points (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 2.
- 4. All elements of contracts for the delivery of raw milk concluded by farmers, collectors or processors of raw milk, including those elements referred to in paragraph 2(c), shall be freely negotiated between the parties.
- 5. In order to guarantee a uniform application of this Article, the Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary measures. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

**Amendment 242** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 104a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 104a

Contractual relations in the milk and milk products sector

1. If a Member State decides that every delivery of raw milk in its territory by a farmer to a processor of raw milk must be covered by a written contract between the parties and/or decides that first purchasers must make a written offer for a contract for the delivery of raw milk by the farmers, such a contract and/or such an offer for a contract shall fulfil the

conditions laid down in paragraph 2.

Where the Member State decides that deliveries of raw milk by a farmer to a processor of raw milk must be covered by a written contract between the parties, it shall also decide which stage or stages of the delivery shall be covered by such a contract if the delivery of raw milk is made through one or more collectors. For the purposes of this Article, a "collector" means an undertaking which transports raw milk from a farmer or another collector to a processor of raw milk or another collector, where the ownership of the raw milk is transferred in each case.

- 2. The contract and/or the offer for a contract shall:
- (a) be made in advance of the delivery,
- (b) be made in writing, and
- (c) include, in particular, the following elements:
- (i) the price payable for the delivery, which shall:
- be static and be set out in the contract, and/or
- be calculated by combining various factors set out in the contract, which may include market indicators reflecting changes in market conditions, the volume delivered and the quality or composition of the raw milk delivered;
- (ii) the volume of raw milk which may and/or must be delivered and the timing of such deliveries;
- (iii) the duration of the contract, which may include either a definite or an indefinite duration with termination clauses;
- (iv) details regarding payment periods and procedures;
- (v) arrangements for collecting or delivering raw milk; and

- (vi) rules applicable in the event of force majeure.
- 3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, a contract and/or an offer for a contract shall not be required where raw milk is delivered by a farmer to a cooperative of which the farmer is a member if the statutes of that cooperative or the rules and decisions provided for in or derived from these statutes contain provisions having similar effects to the provisions set out in points (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 2.
- 4. All elements of contracts for the delivery of raw milk concluded by farmers, collectors or processors of raw milk, including the elements referred to in paragraph 2(c), shall be freely negotiated between the parties.

Notwithstanding the first subparagraph,

- (i) where a Member State decides to make written contracts for the delivery of raw milk compulsory in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, it may establish a minimum duration, applicable only to written contracts between a farmer and the first purchaser of raw milk. Such a minimum duration shall be at least six months and shall not impair the proper functioning of the internal market; and/or
- (ii) where a Member State decides that the first purchaser of raw milk must make a written offer for a contract to the farmer in accordance with paragraph 1, it may provide that the offer must include a minimum duration for the contract, set by national law for this purpose. Such a minimum duration shall be at least six months and shall not impair the proper functioning of the internal market.

The second subparagraph shall be without prejudice to the farmer's right to refuse such a minimum duration provided that he does so in writing. In this case, the parties shall be free to negotiate all

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elements of the contract, including those elements referred to in paragraph 2(c).

- 5. Member States which make use of the options referred to in this Article shall notify the Commission of how they are applied.
- 6. The Commission may adopt implementing acts laying down measures necessary for the uniform application of paragraph 2(a) and (b) and paragraph 3 of this Article and measures relating to notifications to be made by the Member States in accordance with this Article.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 243**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 105

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

# Article 105

# Contractual negotiations in the milk and milk products sector

- 1. Contracts for the delivery of raw milk by a farmer to a processor of raw milk, or to a collector within the meaning of the second subparagraph of Article 104(1), may be negotiated by a producer organisation in the milk and milk products sector which is recognised under Article 106, on behalf of its farmer members for part or all of their joint production.
- 2. The negotiation by the producer organisation may take place:
- a) whether or not there is a transfer of ownership of the raw milk by the farmers

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to the producer organisation,

- b) whether or not the price negotiated is the same as regards the joint production of some or all of the farmer members,
- c) provided that the total volume of raw milk covered by such negotiations by a particular producer organisation does not exceed:
- i) 3.5% of total Union production, and
- ii) 33% of the total national production of any particular Member State covered by such negotiations by that producer organisation, and
- (iii) 33% of the total combined national production of all the Member States covered by such negotiations by that producer organisation,
- d) provided the farmers concerned are not members of any other producer organisation which also negotiates such contracts on their behalf, and
- e) provided that the producer organisation notifies the competent authorities of the Member State or Member States in which it operates.
- 3. For the purposes of this Article, references to producer organisations shall also cover associations of such producer organisations. Taking into account the need to ensure that these associations may be appropriately monitored, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 concerning the conditions for recognition of such associations.
- 4. By way of derogation from paragraph 2(c)(ii) and (iii), even where the threshold of 33% is not exceeded, the competition authority referred to in the second subparagraph may decide in an individual case that the negotiation by the producer organisation may not take place if it considers that this is necessary in order to prevent competition being excluded or in

order to avoid serious prejudice to SME processors of raw milk in its territory.

The decision referred to in the first subparagraph shall be taken by the Commission, by way of an implementing act, adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 for negotiations covering the production of more than one Member State. In other cases it shall be taken by the national competition authority of the Member State the production of which is covered by the negotiations.

The decisions referred to in the first and second subparagraphs shall not apply earlier than the date of their notification to the undertakings concerned.

- 5. For the purposes of this Article:
- a) a "national competition authority" shall be the authority referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2003;
- b) a "SME" shall mean a micro, small or medium-sized enterprise within the meaning of Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC.

Or. en

**Amendment 244** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 105a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 105a

Contractual negotiations in the milk and milk products sector

1. A producer organisation in the milk and milk products sector which is recognised under Articles 106 and 106a, may negotiate on behalf of its farmer

- members, in respect of part or all of their joint production, contracts for the delivery of raw milk by a farmer to a processor of raw milk, or to a collector within the meaning of the second subparagraph of Article 104a(1).
- 2. The negotiations by the producer organisation may take place:
- (a) whether or not there is a transfer of ownership of the raw milk by the farmers to the producer organisation;
- (b) whether or not the price negotiated is the same as regards the joint production of some or all of the farmer members;
- (c) provided that, for a particular producer organisation:
- (i) the volume of raw milk covered by such negotiations does not exceed 3,5 % of total Union production, and
- (ii) the volume of raw milk covered by such negotiations which is produced in any particular Member State does not exceed 33 % of the total national production of that Member State, and
- (iii) the volume of raw milk covered by such negotiations which is delivered in any particular Member State does not exceed 33 % of the total national production of that Member State;
- (d) provided that the farmers concerned are not members of any other producer organisation which also negotiates such contracts on their behalf; however, Member States may derogate from this condition in duly justified cases where farmers hold two distinct production units located in different geographic areas;
- (e) provided that the raw milk is not covered by an obligation to deliver arising from the farmer's membership of a cooperative in accordance with the conditions set out in the cooperative's statutes or the rules and decisions provided for in or derived from these

#### statutes; and

- (f) provided that the producer organisation notifies the competent authorities of the Member State or Member States in which it operates of the volume of raw milk covered by such negotiations.
- 3. Notwithstanding the conditions set out in points (c)(ii) and (iii) of paragraph 2, a producer organisation may negotiate pursuant to paragraph 1, provided that, with regard to that producer organisation, the volume of raw milk covered by the negotiations which is produced in or delivered in a Member State having a total annual raw milk production of less than 500 000 tonnes does not exceed 45 % of the total national production of that Member State.
- 4. For the purposes of this Article, references to producer organisations shall also include associations of such producer organisations.
- 5. For the purposes of applying point (c) of paragraph 2 and paragraph 3, the Commission shall publish, by such means as it considers appropriate, the amounts of raw milk production in the Union and the Member States using the most up-to-date information available.
- 6. By way of derogation from point (c) of paragraph 2 and paragraph 3, even where the thresholds set out therein are not exceeded, the national competition authority referred to in the second subparagraph of this paragraph may decide in an individual case that a particular negotiation by the producer organisation should either be reopened or should not take place at all if it considers that this is necessary in order to prevent competition being excluded or in order to avoid seriously damaging SME processors of raw milk in its territory

For negotiations covering more than one

Member State, the decision referred to in the first subparagraph shall be taken by the Commission, by means of an implementing act adopted without the application of Article 162(2) or (3). In other cases, that decision shall be taken by the national competition authority of the Member State to which the negotiations relate.

The decisions referred to in this paragraph shall not apply earlier than the date of their notification to the undertakings concerned.

- 7. For the purposes of this Article:
- (a) a "national competition authority" shall be the authority referred to in Article 5 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 of 16 December 2002 on the implementation of the rules on competition laid down in Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty;
- (b) "SME" shall mean a micro, small or medium-sized enterprise within the meaning of Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.
- 8. The Member States in which negotiations take place in accordance with this Article shall notify the Commission of the application of paragraph 2(f) and of paragraph 6.
- 9. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, laying down additional rules for calculating the volumes of raw milk covered by the negotiations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3.
- 10. The Commission may adopt implementing acts, laying down the necessary detailed provisions for the notification referred to in point (f) of paragraph 2 of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination

**Amendment 245** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 105b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 105b

Regulation of supply for cheese with a protected designation of origin or protected geographical indication

- 1. Upon the request of a producer organisation recognised under Articles 106 and 106a, an interbranch organisation recognised under Articles 108(1) and 108a or a group of operators referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006, Member States may lay down, for a limited period of time, binding rules for the regulation of the supply of cheese benefiting from a protected designation of origin or from a protected geographical indication under Article 2(1)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006.
- 2. The rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall comply with the conditions set out in paragraph 4 and shall be subject to the existence of a prior agreement between the parties in the geographical area referred to in Article 4(2)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006. Such an agreement shall be concluded between at least twothirds of the milk producers or their representatives representing at least twothirds of the raw milk used for the production of the cheese referred to in paragraph 1 and, if appropriate, at least two-thirds of the producers of that cheese representing at least two-thirds of the production of that cheese in the

- geographical area referred to in Article 4(2)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006.
- 3. For the purpose of paragraph 1, concerning cheese benefiting from a protected geographical indication, the geographical area of origin of the raw milk, as set in the product specification for the cheese, shall be the same as the geographical area referred to in Article 4(2)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 related to that cheese.
- 4. The rules referred to in paragraph 1:
- (a) shall only cover the regulation of supply of the product concerned and shall have the aim of adapting the supply of that cheese to demand;
- (b) shall have effect only on the product concerned;
- (c) may be made binding for no more than three years and be renewed after this period, following a new request, as referred to in paragraph 1;
- (d) shall not damage the trade of products other than those concerned by the rules referred to in paragraph 1;
- (e) shall not relate to any transaction after the first marketing of the cheese concerned;
- (f) shall not allow for price fixing, including where prices are set for guidance or recommendation;
- (g) shall not render unavailable an excessive proportion of the product concerned that would otherwise be available;
- (h) shall not create discrimination, constitute a barrier for new entrants in the market, or lead to small producers being adversely affected;
- (i) shall contribute to maintaining the quality and/or the development of the product concerned;

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- (j) shall be without prejudice to Article 105a.
- 5. The rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall be published in an official publication of the Member State concerned.
- 6. Member States shall carry out checks in order to ensure that the conditions laid down in paragraph 4 are complied with, and, where it has been found by the competent national authorities that such conditions have not been complied with, shall repeal the rules referred to in paragraph 1.
- 7. Member States shall notify the Commission forthwith of the rules referred to in paragraph 1 which they have adopted. The Commission shall inform Member States of any notification of such rules.
- 8. The Commission may at any time adopt implementing acts requiring that a Member State repeal the rules laid down by that Member State pursuant to paragraph 1 if the Commission finds that those rules do not comply with the conditions laid down in paragraph 4, prevent or distort competition in a substantial part of the internal market or jeopardise free trade or the attainment of the objectives of Article 39 TFEU.

These implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

# **Amendment 246**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 106

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 106

# Producer organisations

Member States shall recognise, on request, producer organisations, which:

- (a) are constituted *by producers* in any of the sectors listed in Article 1(2);
- (b) are formed on the initiative of the *producers*;
- (c) pursue a specific aim which *may* include at least one of the following objectives:
- (i) ensuring that production is planned and adjusted to demand, particularly in terms of quality and quantity;
- (ii) concentration of supply and the placing on the market of the products produced by its members:
- (iii) optimising production costs and stabilising producer prices;
- (iv) carrying out research *into* sustainable production methods and market developments;
- (v) promoting and providing technical assistance for the use of environmentally sound cultivation practices and production techniques;

#### Amendment

#### Article 106

### Producer organisations

Member States shall recognise, on request, producer organisations, which:

- (a) are constituted *and controlled by farmers* in any of the sectors listed in Article 1(2);
- (b) are formed on the initiative of the *farmers*;
- (c) pursue a specific aim which shall include at least one of the objectives listed in points (i), (ii) or (iii) and may include one or more of the following other objectives:
- (i) ensuring that production is planned and adjusted to demand, particularly in terms of quality and quantity;
- (ii) concentration of supply and the placing on the market of the products produced by its members, *especially through direct sales*;
- (iii) optimising production costs, stabilising producer prices, notably with regard to the compensation received for costs of investment in issues such as environment and animal welfare, and contributing to reasonable prices for consumers;
- (iv) carrying out research *and developing initiatives on* sustainable production methods, *innovative practices*, *economic competitiveness* and market developments;
- (v) promoting and providing technical assistance for the use of environmentally sound cultivation practices, production techniques and *sound animal welfare practices and techniques*;

(va) promoting and providing technical assistance for the use of production

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- (vi) the management of by-products and of waste in particular to protect the quality of water, soil and landscape and preserving or encouraging biodiversity; *and*
- (vii) contributing to a sustainable use of natural resources and to climate change mitigation;

- standards, improving product quality and developing products with a protected designation of origin, a protected geographical indication or covered by a national quality label.
- (vb) establishing stricter production rules than those laid down at Union or national level;
- (vi) the management of by-products and of waste in particular to protect the quality of water, soil and landscape and preserving or encouraging biodiversity;
- (vii) contributing to a sustainable use of natural resources and to climate change mitigation;
- (viia) developing initiatives in the area of promotion and marketing;
- (viib) managing the mutual funds referred to in Article 37 of Regulation (EU)
  No [...] on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD);
- (viic) implementing crisis-prevention and crisis-management instruments, notably through private storage, processing, promotion, promotional sales and, as a last resort, through market withdrawal;
- (viid) providing the necessary technical assistance for the use of the futures markets and of insurance schemes;
- (viie) negotiating, on their own behalf or where applicable on behalf of their members, input supply contracts with operators in upstream sectors;
- (viif) negotiating, on their own behalf or where applicable on behalf of their members, contracts for the delivery of agricultural products and agrifoodstuffs, with operators in downstream sectors;
- (d) do not hold a dominant position on a given market unless this is necessary in pursuance of the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty.

(da) market the products excluded by CN code ex 22.08 referred to in Annex I to the Treaty, provided that the proportion of such products sold which are not covered by Annex I does not exceed 49 % of the total volume marketed, without this leading to the forfeiture of official status as a producer organisation in the recognised agricultural sector.

Or. en

### **Amendment 247**

Proposal for a regulation Article 106a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

# Article 106a

# Statute of producer organisations

- 1. The statute of a producer organisation shall require its producer members, in particular, to:
- (a) apply the rules adopted by the producer organisation relating to production reporting, production, marketing and protection of the environment;
- (b) be members of only one producer organisation for any given product of the holding, without prejudice to any derogation granted by the Member State concerned in duly justified cases where producer members hold two distinct production units located in different geographical areas;
- (c) provide the information requested by the producer organisation for statistical purposes, in particular on growing areas, production, yields and direct sales;
- 2. The statute of a producer organisation shall also provide for:

- (a) procedures for laying down, adopting and amending the rules referred to in paragraph 1;
- (b) the imposition on members of financial contributions needed to finance the producer organisation;
- (c) rules enabling the producer members to scrutinise democratically their organisation and its decisions;
- (d) penalties for infringement of obligations under the articles of association, particularly for non-payment of financial contributions, or of the rules laid down by the producer organisation;
- (e) rules on the admission of new members, and in particular the minimum period of membership which may not be less than one year;
- (f) the accounting and budgetary rules necessary for the operation of the organisation.
- 3. Producer organisations shall be deemed to be acting in the name and on behalf of their members in economic matters within their terms of reference, whether or not ownership of the products concerned has been transferred from producers to producer organisations.

Or. en

**Amendment 248** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 106b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 106b

Recognition of producer organisations

1. Member States shall recognise as producer organisations all legal entities or clearly defined parts of legal entities

- applying for such recognition, provided that they:
- (a) meet the requirements laid down in points (b) and (c) of the first paragraph of Article 106;
- (b) have a minimum number of members and/or cover a minimum volume of marketable production, to be laid down by the Member State concerned, in the area where they operate;
- (c) provide sufficient evidence that they can carry out their activities properly, both over time and in terms of effectiveness, provision of human, material and technical support to their members, and concentration of supply;
- (d) have rules of association that are consistent with points (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph.
- 2. Member States may decide that producer organisations which have been recognised before 1 January 2014 on the basis of national law and which fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article are deemed to be recognised as producer organisations pursuant to Article 106.
- 3. Producer organisations which have been recognised before 1 January 2014 on the basis of national law and which do not fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article may continue to exercise their activities under national law until 1 January 2015.
- 4. Member States shall:
- (a) decide whether to grant recognition to a producer organisation within four months of the lodging of an application accompanied by all the relevant supporting evidence; this application shall be lodged with the Member State where the organisation has its headquarters;
- (b) carry out, at intervals to be determined by them, checks to verify that recognised

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producer organisations are complying with the provisions in this Chapter;

(c) in the event of non-compliance or irregularities in the implementation of the measures provided for in this Chapter, impose on those organisations and associations the applicable penalties they have laid down and decide whether, if necessary, recognition should be withdrawn;

(d) inform the Commission once a year and no later than 31 March of every decision to grant, refuse or withdraw recognition taken during the previous calendar year.

Or. en

**Amendment 249** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 106c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 106c

Outsourcing

Member States may permit a recognised producer organisation or a recognised association of producer organisations to outsource any of its activities other than production, including to subsidiaries, provided that it provides sufficient evidence to the Member State concerned that doing so is an appropriate way to achieve the objectives of the producer organisation or association of producer organisations concerned and that the producer organisation or association of producer organisations remains responsible for ensuring the carrying out of the outsourced activity and overall management control and supervision of the commercial arrangement for the

provision of the activity. In particular, the organisation or association shall retain the power to issue binding instructions to its agent in respect of the activities entrusted to it.

Or. en

#### Amendment 250

# Proposal for a regulation Article 107

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 107

Associations of producer organisations

Member States *shall* recognise, on request, associations of producer organisations in *any of the sectors* listed in Article 1(2) which are formed on the initiative of recognised producer organisations.

Subject to the rules adopted pursuant to Article 114, associations of producer organisations may carry out any of the activities or functions of producer organisations.

Amendment

Article 107

Associations of producer organisations

Member States *may* recognise associations of producer organisations in *a specific sector* listed in Article 1(2) which are formed on the initiative of recognised producer organisations.

Subject to the rules adopted pursuant to Article 114, associations of producer organisations may carry out any of the activities or functions of producer organisations.

Or. en

### **Amendment 251**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 108

Text proposed by the Commission
Article 108

Interbranch organisations

1. Member States *shall* recognise, *on request*, interbranch organisations in any of the sectors listed in Article 1(2) which:

Amendment
Article 108

Interbranch organisations

1. Member States *may* recognise interbranch organisations in any of the sectors listed in Article 1(2) which *have* 

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- (a) are constituted of representatives of economic activities linked to the production *of*, *trade in*, *and/or* processing of products in one or more sectors;
- (b) are formed on the initiative of all or some of the organisations or associations which constitute them;
- (c) pursue a specific aim, which may include *at least* one of the following objectives:
- (i) improving knowledge and the transparency of production and the market, including by publication of statistical data on *the* prices, volumes and duration of contracts which have been previously concluded, and by providing analyses of potential future market developments at regional or national level;
- (ii) helping to better coordinate the way the products are placed on the market, in particular by means of research and market studies;
- (iii) drawing up standard forms of contract compatible with Union rules;

# formally requested recognition and:

- (a) are constituted of representatives of economic activities linked to the production and to at least one of the following stages of the supply chain: the processing of or trading of, including distribution of, products in one or more sectors:
- (b) are formed on the initiative of all or some of the organisations or associations which constitute them;
- (ba) concern products or groups of products not covered by a previously recognised interbranch organisation;
- (c) pursue a specific aim taking account of the interests of their members and of consumers, which may include, in particular, one of the following objectives:
- (i) improving knowledge and the transparency of production and the market, including by publication of statistical data on *production costs*, prices, *including*, *where appropriate*, *price indicators*, volumes and duration of contracts which have been previously concluded, and by providing analyses of potential future market developments at regional, national or *international* level;
- (ia) facilitating advance knowledge of production potential, and recording market prices;
- (ii) helping to better coordinate the way the products are placed on the market, in particular by means of research and market studies;
- (iia) exploring potential export markets;
- (iii) without prejudice to provisions laid down in Articles 104a and 113a, drawing up standard forms of contract compatible with Union rules for the sale of agricultural products to purchasers and/or the supply of processed products to distributors and retailers, taking into account the need to achieve fair

- (iv) exploiting to a fuller extent the potential of the products;
- (v) providing the information and carrying out the research necessary to rationalise, improve and adjust production towards products more suited to market requirements and consumer tastes and expectations, in particular with regard to product quality, including the particular characteristics of products with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication, and protection of the environment;
- (vi) *seeking ways of* restricting the use of animal-health or plant protection products *and* other inputs *and* ensuring product quality and soil and water conservation;
- (vii) developing methods and instruments for improving product quality at all stages of production and marketing;
- (viii) exploiting the potential of organic farming and protecting and promoting such farming as well as designations of origin, quality labels and geographical indications:
- (ix) promoting and carrying out research into integrated, sustainable production or other environmentally sound production methods:
- (x) encouraging *healthy* consumption of

# competitive conditions and to avoid market distorsions;

- (iv) exploiting to a fuller extent the potential of the products, including at the level of market outlets, and developing initiatives to strengthen economic competitiveness and innovation;
- (v) providing the information and carrying out the research necessary to *innovate*, rationalise, improve and adjust production, *and*, *where applicable*, *the processing and/or marketing*, towards products more suited to market requirements and consumer tastes and expectations, in particular with regard to product quality, including the particular characteristics of products with a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication, and protection of the environment;
- (vi) restricting the use of animal-health or plant protection products, better managing other inputs, ensuring product quality and soil and water conservation, enhancing food safety, in particular through traceability of products, and improving animal health and welfare;
- (vii) developing methods and instruments for improving product quality at all stages of production and, where applicable, of processing and/or marketing;
- (viia) defining minimum qualities and defining minimum standards of packing and presentation;
- (viii) taking all possible actions to uphold, protect and promote organic farming and designations of origin, quality labels and geographical indications;
- (ix) promoting and carrying out research into integrated, sustainable production or other environmentally sound production methods:
- (x) encouraging *moderate and responsible*

the products and informing about the harm linked to hazardous consumption patterns;

consumption of the products *on the internal market* and/*or* informing about the harm linked to hazardous consumption patterns;

(xa) promoting consumption and/or furnishing information concerning products on the internal market and external markets;

(xi) carrying out promotion actions, especially in third countries.

- (xia) implementing collective measures to prevent and manage the health, plant-protection and environmental risks and uncertainties linked to the production and, where applicable to the processing and/or marketing and/or distribution of agricultural and food products;
- (xib) contributing to the management of by-products and the reduction and management of waste.
- 2. For interbranch organisations in the olive oil and table olive and tobacco sectors, the specific aim referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1 may also include at least one of the following objectives:
- (a) concentrating and co-ordinating supply and marketing of the produce of the members;
- (b) adapting production and processing jointly to the requirements of the market and improving the product;
- (c) promoting the rationalisation and improvement of production and processing.

Or. en

- 2. For interbranch organisations in the olive oil and table olive and tobacco sectors, the specific aim referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1 may also include at least one of the following objectives:
- (a) concentrating and co-ordinating supply and marketing of the produce of the members;
- (b) adapting production and processing jointly to the requirements of the market and improving the product;
- (c) promoting the rationalisation and improvement of production and processing.

**Amendment 252** 

# Proposal for a regulation Article 108a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

### Article 108a

Recognition of interbranch organisations

- 1. Member States may recognise interbranch organisations applying for such recognition, provided that they:
- (a) meet the requirements laid down in Article 108;
- (b) carry out their activities in one or more regions in the territory concerned;
- (c) account for a significant share of the economic activities referred to in Article 108(1)(a);
- (d) with the exception of the cases laid down in Article 108(2), do not themselves engage in production, processing and/or trade.
- 2. Member States may decide that interbranch organisations which have been recognised before 1 January 2014 on the basis of national law and which fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 are deemed to be recognised as interbranch organisations pursuant to Article 108.
- 3. Interbranch organisations which have been recognised before 1 January 2014 on the basis of national law and which do not fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article may continue to exercise their activities under national law until 1 January 2015.
- 4. Where Member States recognise an interbranch organisation in accordance with paragraph 1 and/or 2, they shall:
- (a) decide whether to grant recognition within four months of the lodging of an application with all relevant supporting documents; this application shall be lodged with the Member State where the

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organisation has its headquarters;

- (b) carry out, at intervals to be determined by them, checks to verify that recognised interbranch organisations are complying with the conditions governing their recognition;
- (c) in the event of non-compliance or irregularities in the implementation of the measures provided for in this Regulation, impose on those organisations the applicable penalties they have laid down and decide whether, if necessary, recognition should be withdrawn;
- (d) withdraw recognition if the requirements and conditions for recognition laid down in this Article are no longer met;
- (e) inform the Commission each year, by 31 March, of every decision to grant, refuse or withdraw recognition taken during the previous calendar year.

Or. en

# **Amendment 253**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 109

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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# Article 109

# **Operator** organisations

For the purposes of this Regulation, operator organisations in the olive oil and table olives sector shall comprise recognised producer organisations, recognised interbranch organisations or recognised organisations of other operators or their associations.

Or. en

# Proposal for a regulation Article 109a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 109 a

# Role of groups

- 1. In order to improve and stabilise the operation of the market in products which have been assigned a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication pursuant to Regulation (EC) No XXXXXXX on agricultural product quality schemes, producer Member States may lay down marketing rules to regulate supply, in particular by implementing decisions taken by the groups referred to in Article 42 of Regulation (EC) No XXXXXXX on agricultural product quality schemes.
- 2. Such rules shall be proportionate to the objective pursued and:
- (a) only cover the regulation of supply and aim to bring the supply of the product into line with demand;
- (b) not be made binding for more than a renewable period of five years of marketing;
- (c) shall not relate to any transaction after the first marketing of the product concerned;
- (d) shall not allow for price fixing, including where prices are set for guidance or by way of recommendation;
- (e) shall not render unavailable an excessive proportion of the product concerned that would otherwise be available;
- (f) shall not have the effect of preventing an operator from starting production of the product concerned;

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- 3. The rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall be brought to the attention of operators by being published in full in an official publication of the Member State concerned.
- 4. The decisions and measures taken by the Member States in year n in accordance with this Article shall be notified to the Commission before 1 March of year n+1.
- 5. The Commission may ask a Member State to withdraw its decision if it finds that that decision precludes competition in a substantial part of the internal market, compromises the free movement of goods or is at odds with the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty.

Or. en

### **Amendment 255**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 110

Text proposed by the Commission

### Article 110

### Extension of rules

1. In cases where a recognised producer organisation, a recognised association of producer organisations or a recognised interbranch organisation operating in a specific economic area or economic areas of a Member State is considered to be representative of the production of or trade in or processing of a given product, the Member State concerned may, at the request of that organisation, make binding for a limited period of time some of the agreements, decisions or concerted practices agreed on within that organisation on other operators acting in the economic area or areas in question, whether

# Amendment

### Article 110

### Extension of rules

1. In cases where a recognised producer organisation, a recognised association of producer organisations or a recognised interbranch organisation operating in a specific economic area or economic areas of a Member State is considered to be representative of the production of or trade in or processing of a given product, the Member State concerned may, at the request of that organisation, make binding for a limited period of time some of the agreements, decisions or concerted practices agreed on within that organisation on other operators acting in the economic area or areas in question, whether

individuals or groups and not belonging to the organisation or association.

- 2. An "economic area" shall mean a geographical zone made up of adjoining or neighbouring production regions in which production and marketing conditions are homogeneous.
- 3. An organisation or association shall be deemed representative where, in the economic area or areas concerned of a Member State:
- (a) it accounts for, as a proportion of the volume of production or of trade in or of processing of the product or products concerned:
- (i) for producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector, at least 60%, or
- (ii) in other cases, at least two thirds, and
- (b) it accounts for, in the case of producer organisations, more than 50% of the producers concerned.

Where the request for extension of its rules to other operators covers more than one economic area, the organisation or association shall demonstrate the minimum level of representativeness as defined in the first subparagraph for each of the branches it groups in each of the economic areas concerned.

4. The rules for which extension to other operators may be requested as provided in paragraph 1 shall *have* one of the *following aims:* 

(a) production and market reporting;

(b) stricter production rules than those laid down in Union or national rules;

individuals or groups and not belonging to the organisation or association.

- 2. An "economic area" shall mean a geographical zone made up of adjoining or neighbouring production regions in which production and marketing conditions are homogeneous.
- 3. An organisation or association shall be deemed representative where, in the economic area or areas concerned of a Member State:
- (a) it accounts for, as a proportion of the volume of production or of trade in or of processing of the product or products concerned:
- (i) for producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector, at least 60%, or
- (ii) in other cases, at least two thirds, and
- (b) it accounts for, in the case of producer organisations, more than 50% of the producers concerned, *and*

(ba) in the case of interbranch organisations, it accounts for a significant share of the economic activities referred to in Article 108(1)(a) under the conditions laid down by the Member State.

Where the request for extension of its rules to other operators covers more than one economic area, the organisation or association shall demonstrate the minimum level of representativeness as defined in the first subparagraph for each of the branches it groups in each of the economic areas concerned.

4. The rules for which extension to other operators may be requested as provided in paragraph 1 shall *pertain to* one of the *activities meeting the objectives laid down* in Article 106(c) or Article 108(1)(c).

- (c) drawing up of standard contracts which are compatible with Union rules;
- (d) rules on marketing;
- (e) rules on protecting the environment;
- (f) measures to promote and exploit the potential of products;
- (g) measures to protect organic farming as well as designations of origin, quality labels and geographical indications;
- (h) research to add value to the products, in particular through new uses which do not pose a threat to public health;
- (i) studies to improve the quality of products;
- (j) research, in particular into methods of cultivation permitting reduced use of plant protection or animal health products and guaranteeing conservation of the soil and the environment;
- (k) definition of minimum qualities and definition of minimum standards of packing and presentation;
- (l) use of certified seed and monitoring of product quality.

Those rules shall not cause any damage to other operators in the Member State concerned or the Union and shall not have any of the effects listed in Article 145(4) or be otherwise incompatible with Union or national rules in force.

Those rules shall not cause any damage to other operators in the Member State concerned or the Union and shall not have any of the effects listed in Article 145(4) or be otherwise incompatible with Union or national rules in force.

- 4a. Where an interbranch organisation that has been recognised for one or more products exists, Member States shall not extend decisions and practices of the producer organisations falling under the scope of the said interbranch organisation.
- 4b. The extension of the rules referred to in paragraph 1 shall be brought to the attention of operators by publication in extenso in an official publication of the Member State concerned.

4c.Member States shall inform the Commission each year, by 31 March at the latest, of any decisions taken under this Article.

Or. en

#### Amendment 256

# Proposal for a regulation Article 111

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 111

Financial contributions of non-members

Where rules of a recognised producer organisation, a recognised association of producer organisations or a recognised interbranch organisation are extended under Article 110 and the activities covered by those rules are in the general economic interest of *persons* whose activities relate to the products concerned, the Member State which has granted recognition may decide that individuals or groups which are not members of the organisation but which benefit from those activities shall pay the organisation all or part of the financial contributions paid by its members to the extent that such contributions are intended to cover costs. directly incurred as a result of pursuing the activities in question.

### Amendment

#### Article 111

Financial contributions of non-members

Where rules of a recognised producer organisation, a recognised association of producer organisations or a recognised interbranch organisation are extended under Article 110 and the activities covered by those rules are in the general economic interest of *economic operators* whose activities relate to the products concerned, the Member State which has granted recognition may decide, after consultation of all the relevant stakeholders, that individual economic operators or groups which are not members of the organisation but which benefit from those activities shall pay the organisation all or part of the financial contributions paid by its members to the extent that such contributions are intended to cover costs of pursuing the activities in question.

Or. en

**Amendment 257** 

# Proposal for a regulation Article 112

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 112

Measures to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements

Taking into account the need to encourage action by the organisations referred to in Articles 106 to 108 to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements, with the exception of action relating to withdrawal from the market, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, concerning the *live plants*, *beef and veal*, *pigmeat*, *sheepmeat and goatmeat*, *eggs and poultrymeat* sectors on measures:

- (a) to improve quality;
- (b) to promote better organisation of production, processing and marketing;
- (c) to facilitate the recording of market price trends;
- (d) to permit the establishment of short and long-term forecasts on the basis of the means of production used.

# Amendment

#### Article 112

Measures to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements

Taking into account the need to encourage action by the organisations referred to in Articles 106 to 108 to facilitate the adjustment of supply to market requirements, with the exception of action relating to withdrawal from the market, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160, concerning the sectors *listed in Article 1(2)*, on measures:

- (a) to improve quality;
- (b) to promote better organisation of production, processing and marketing;
- (c) to facilitate the recording of market price trends;
- (d) to permit the establishment of short and long-term forecasts on the basis of the means of production used.

Or. en

# **Amendment 258**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 113

Text proposed by the Commission

# Article 113

Marketing rules to improve and stabilise the operation of the common market in wines

1. In order to improve and stabilise the operation of the common market in wines,

### Amendment

# Article 113

Marketing rules to improve and stabilise the operation of the common market in wines

1. In order to improve and stabilise the operation of the common market in wines,

including the grapes, musts and wines from which they derive, producer Member States may lay down marketing rules to regulate supply, particularly by way of decisions taken by the interbranch organisations recognised under Article 108.

Such rules shall be proportionate to the objective pursued and shall not:

- (a) relate to any transaction after the first marketing of the produce concerned;
- (b) allow for price fixing, including where prices are set for guidance or recommendation;
- (c) render unavailable an excessive proportion of the vintage that would otherwise be available;
- (d) provide scope for refusing to issue the national and Union certificates required for the circulation and marketing of wines where such marketing is in accordance with those rules.

including the grapes, musts and wines from which they derive, producer Member States may lay down marketing rules to regulate supply, particularly by way of decisions taken by the interbranch organisations recognised under Article 108.

Such rules shall be proportionate to the objective pursued and shall not:

- (a) relate to any transaction after the first marketing of the produce concerned;
- (b) allow for price fixing, including where prices are set for guidance or recommendation:
- (c) render unavailable an excessive proportion of the vintage that would otherwise be available;
- (d) provide scope for refusing to issue the national and Union certificates required for the circulation and marketing of wines where such marketing is in accordance with those rules.

1a. The rules provided for in paragraph 1 shall be brought to the attention of operators by publication in full in an official publication of the Member State concerned.

1b. Member States shall inform the Commission each year, by 31 March at the latest, of any decisions taken under this Article.

Or. en

**Amendment 259** 

Proposal for a regulation
Part II – Title II – Chapter III – Section 3 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Amendment

SECTION 3a FORMAL CONTRACT SYSTEMS

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### Article 113a

### **Contractual Relations**

1. Without prejudice to Articles 104a and 105a concerning the milk and milk products sector and Article 101 concerning the sugar sector, if a Member State decides that every delivery in its territory of agricultural products from a sector listed in Article 1(2) of this Regulation, by a producer to a processor or distributor must be covered by a written contract between the parties and/or decides that the first purchasers must make a written offer for a contract for the delivery of agricultural products by the producer, such a contract and/or such an offer for a contract shall fulfil the conditions laid down in paragraph 2.

Where the Member State decides that deliveries of the products concerned by a producer to a processor must be covered by a written contract between the parties, it shall also decide which stage or stages of the delivery shall be covered by such a contract if delivery of the products concerned is made through one or more intermediaries.

In the case described in subparagraph 2, the Member State shall ensure that contracts in the sectors in question are fulfilled and shall establish a mediation mechanism to cover cases in which no such contract can be concluded by mutual agreement, thereby ensuring fair contractual relations.

- 2. The contract and/or the offer for a contract shall:
- (a) be made in advance of the delivery,
- (b) be made in writing, and
- (c) include, in particular, the following elements:
- (i) the price payable for the delivery, which shall:

- be static and be set out in the contract, and/or
- be calculated by combining various factors set out in the contract, which may include market indicators reflecting changes in market conditions, the quantities delivered and the quality or composition of the agricultural products delivered,
- (ii) the quantity and quality of the products concerned which may and/or must be delivered and the timing of such deliveries.
- (iii) the duration of the contract, which may include either a definite or an indefinite duration with termination clauses,
- (iv) details regarding payment periods and procedures,
- (v) arrangements for collecting or delivering the agricultural products, and
- (vi) rules applicable in the event of force majeure.
- 3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, a contract and/or an offer for a contract shall not be required where the products concerned are delivered by a producer to a purchaser being a cooperative of which the producer is a member if the statutes of that cooperative or the rules and decisions provided for in or derived from these statutes contain provisions having similar effects to the provisions set out in points (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 2.
- 4. All elements of contracts for the delivery of agricultural products concluded by producers, collectors, processors or distributors, including those elements referred to in paragraph 2(c), shall be freely negotiated between the parties.

Notwithstanding the first subparagraph,

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- (i) where a Member State decides to make written contracts for the delivery of agricultural products compulsory in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, it may establish a minimum duration, applicable only to written contracts between a producer and the first purchaser of the agricultural products. Such a minimum duration shall be at least six months and shall not impair the proper functioning of the internal market; and/or
- (ii) where a Member State decides that the first purchaser of agricultural products must make the producer a written offer for a contract in accordance with paragraph 1, it may provide that the offer must include a minimum duration for the contract, set by national law for this purpose. Such a minimum duration shall be at least six months and shall not impair the proper functioning of the internal market.

The second subparagraph shall be without prejudice to the producer's right to refuse such a minimum duration provided that he does so in writing. In this case, the parties shall be free to negotiate all elements of the contract, including those elements referred to in paragraph 2(c).

- 5. Member States which make use of the options referred to in this Article shall notify the Commission of how they are applied.
- 6. The Commission may adopt implementing acts laying down measures necessary for the uniform application of paragraph 2(a) and (b) and paragraph 3 of this Article and measures relating to notifications to be made by the Member States in accordance with this Article.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Proposal for a regulation Article 113b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 113b

# Contractual negotiations

- 1. A producer organisation for one of the sectors listed in Article 1(2) of this Regulation, recognised under Article 106, may negotiate on behalf of its producer members, in respect of part or all of their joint production, contracts for the delivery of agricultural products by a producer to a processor, an intermediary or a distributor.
- 2. The negotiations by the producer organisation may take place:
- (a) whether or not there is a transfer of ownership of the products concerned by the producers to the producer organisation,
- (b) whether or not the price negotiated is the same for the joint production of all of the producer members or only of some of them,
- (c) provided that the farmers concerned are not members of any other producer organisation which also negotiates such contracts on their behalf; however, Member States may derogate from this condition in duly justified cases where producers hold two distinct production units located in different geographic areas;
- (d) provided that the products in question are not covered by an obligation to deliver arising from the farmer's membership of a cooperative in accordance with the

conditions set out in the cooperative's statutes or the rules and decisions provided for in or derived from these statutes; and

- (e) provided that the producer organisation notifies the competent authorities of the Member State or Member States in which it operates of the quantities of the agricultural products covered by such negotiations.
- 3. For the purposes of this Article, references to producer organisations shall also include associations of such producer organisations.
- 4. For negotiations covering more than one Member State, a decision on the negotiations shall be taken by the Commission, by means of an implementing act adopted without the application of Article 162(2) or (3). In other cases, that decision shall be taken by the national competition authority of the Member State to which the negotiations relate.

The decisions referred to in this paragraph shall not apply earlier than the date of their notification to the undertakings concerned.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 261**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 114

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 114

Delegated powers

Taking into account the need to ensure that the objectives and responsibilities of producer organisations, *operator* 

Amendment

Article 114

Delegated powers

Taking into account the need to ensure that the objectives and responsibilities of producer organisations and interbranch organisations in the olive oil and table olives sector and interbranch organisations are clearly defined so as to contribute to the effectiveness of the actions of such organisations, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 regarding producer organisations, associations of producer organisations, interbranch organisations and operator organisations on the following:

- (a) the specific aims which may, shall or shall not be pursued by such organisations and associations, *including derogations from* those laid down in Articles 106 to 109,
- (b) the rules of association, the recognition, structure, legal personality, membership, size, accountability and activities of such organisations and associations, the requirement referred to in point (d) of Article 106 for recognition of a producer organisation that it does not hold a dominant position on a given market unless this is necessary in pursuance of the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty, the effects deriving from recognition, the withdrawal of recognition, and mergers;

(c) transnational organisations and

organisations are clearly defined so as to contribute to the effectiveness of the actions of such organisations, *without imposing an undue burden*, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 regarding producer organisations, associations of producer organisations, interbranch organisations and operator organisations on the following:

# (-a) the specific rules applicable in one or more of the sectors listed in Article 1(2) of this Regulation;

- (a) the specific aims which may, shall or shall not be pursued by such organisations and associations, *and where applicable added to* those laid down in Articles 106 to 109,
- (aa) horizontal recommendations for interprofessional agreements concluded by the organisations pursuant to Article 108:
- (b) the statutes of organisations other than producer organisations, the specific conditions applicable to the statutes of producer organisations in certain sectors, the structure, legal personality, membership, size, accountability and activities of such organisations and associations, the effects deriving from mergers;

(ba) the conditions for recognition, withdrawal and suspension of recognition, the effects deriving from recognition, withdrawal and suspension of recognition as well as requirements for such organisations and associations to take remedial measures in the event of non-respect of the recognition criteria;

(c) transnational organisations and

associations including the rules referred to in points (a) *and* (b) of this Article;

- (d) outsourcing of activities and the provision of technical means by organisations or associations;
- (e) the minimum volume or value of marketable production of organisations and associations:
- (f) the extension of certain rules of the organisations provided for in Article 110 to non-members and the compulsory payment of subscriptions by non-members referred to in Article 111, including a list of the stricter production rules which may be extended under point (b) of the first subparagraph of Article 110(4), further requirements as regards representativeness, the economic areas concerned, including Commission scrutiny of their definition, minimum periods during which the rules shall apply before their extension, the persons or organisations to whom the rules or contributions may be applied, and the circumstances in which the Commission may require that the extension of rules or compulsory contributions shall be refused or withdrawn.

associations including the rules referred to in points (a), (b) *and (ba)* of this Article;

- (ca) rules relating to the establishment and the conditions of administrative assistance to be given by the relevant competent authorities in the case of transnational cooperation;
- (d) *conditions for* outsourcing of activities and the provision of technical means by organisations or associations;
- (e) the minimum volume or value of marketable production of organisations and associations;
- (f) the extension of certain rules of the organisations provided for in Article 110 to non-members and the compulsory payment of subscriptions by non-members referred to in Article 111, further requirements as regards representativeness, the economic areas concerned, including Commission scrutiny of their definition, minimum periods during which the rules shall apply before their extension, the persons or organisations to whom the rules or contributions may be applied, and the circumstances in which the Commission may require, for a specific period, that the extension of rules or compulsory contributions shall be refused or withdrawn;
- (fa) the specific conditions for implementing contractual systems in the sectors referred to in Article 113a(1), in particular the thresholds laying down production volumes to which collective negotiations might apply;
- (fb) the conditions under which recognised producers may achieve collective horizontal and vertical agreements with competitors and food chain partners on including in prices the costs of investments in sustainable production.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 115

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 115

Implementing powers in accordance with the examination procedure

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt the necessary measures concerning this Chapter, in particular *on the* procedures and technical conditions as regards the implementation of the measures referred to in Articles 110 and 112. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Amendment
Article 115

Implementing powers in accordance with

the examination procedure

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt the necessary measures concerning this Chapter, in particular *measures concerning:* 

- (a) implementation of the conditions for recognition of producer organisations and interbranch organisations set out in Articles 106b and 108a;
- (b) notifications to be made by the Member States to the Commission in accordance with Article 105a(8), 105b(7), Article 106b(4)(d) and Article 108a(4)(e);
- (c) procedures relating to administrative assistance in the case of transnational cooperation;
- (d) procedures and technical conditions as regards the implementation of the measures referred to in Articles 110 and 112, in particular the implementation of the concept of "economic area" as referred to in Article 110 (2).

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

# Proposal for a regulation Article 116

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 116

Other implementing powers

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt individual decisions regarding:

- (a) the recognition of organisations carrying out activities in more than one Member State, pursuant to the rules adopted under Article 114(c);
- (b) the refusal of or repeal of recognition of interbranch organisations, repeal of the extension of rules or compulsory contributions, approval of, or decisions on the amendment of economic areas notified by Member States pursuant to the rules adopted under Article 114(f).

# Amendment Article 116

Other implementing powers

- *1.* The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt individual decisions regarding
- (a) the recognition, *the refusal or the repeal of recognition* of organisations carrying out activities in more than one Member State, pursuant to the rules adopted under Article 114(c);
- (b) the extension of rules or compulsory contributions of the organisations referred to in point (a) and their repeal.

1a. The Commission may adopt implementing acts, containing its decision concerning the approval or modification of the economic areas notified by Member States in application of the rules adopted in accordance with Article 114(f).

Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

### **Amendment 264**

# Proposal for a regulation Part II – Title II – Chapter III – Section 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**SECTION 4a** 

# TRANSPARENCY AND MARKET INFORMATION

Article 116 a

European Food Price Monitoring Tool

- 1. In order to provide businesses and all public authorities with information concerning price formation throughout the food supply chain, and to facilitate the observation and recording of market trends, the Commission shall report regularly to the European Parliament and to the Council on the activities of the European Food Price Monitoring Tool and the results of the latter's studies, and shall ensure that these results are made public.
- 2. With a view to the application of paragraph 1, and in conjunction with the work of the national statistical institutes and national price observatories, the European Food Price Monitoring Tool shall, without creating additional burdens for farmers, gather the statistical data and information needed to produce analyses and studies in particular on:
- (a) production and supply;
- (b) price formation mechanisms and, as far as possible, profit margins throughout the food supply chain in the Union and the Member States;
- (c) price trends and, as far as possible, profit margins at all levels of the food supply chain in the Union and the Member States and in all agricultural and agri-foodstuff sectors, particularly fruit and vegetables, milk and milk products and meat;
- (d) short- and medium-term market

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# forecasts.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the European Food Price Monitoring Tool shall study in particular exports and imports, farm gate prices, consumer prices, profit margins, costs of production, processing and distribution at all stages of the food supply chain in the Union and the Member States.

3. The information made public through the activities of the European Food Price Monitoring Tool shall be treated with confidentiality. The Commission shall ensure that it does not enable individual operators to be identified.

Or. en

**Amendment 265** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 117 – paragraph 1 – sub-paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The following products shall be subject to a licensing requirement: cereals, rice, sugar, flax, hemp, seeds, live plants, olive oil, fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, bananas, beef and veal, pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat, poultrymeat, eggs, milk and milk products, wine, agricultural ethyl alcohol.

Or. en

**Amendment 266** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 117 – paragraph 2 a (new)

(2a) Products imported by the Union shall meet the same production and marketing requirements as those produced within the Union, and may only be awarded the relevant import licences if they fulfil those conditions.

Or. en

### **Amendment 267**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 118 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Taking into account the evolution of trade and market developments, the needs of the markets concerned and the monitoring of imports and exports of the products concerned, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt in accordance with Article 160 delegated acts, to determine:

#### Amendment

1. Taking into account the *need to monitor* imports of products, *the need for sound market management and the need to reduce the administrative burden*, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt in accordance with Article 160 delegated acts, to determine:

Or. en

### **Amendment 268**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 118 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

a) the list of agricultural products subject to the presentation of an import or export licence;

### Amendment

(a) *modify and supplement* the list of agricultural products subject to the presentation of an import or export licence;

Or. en

# Proposal for a regulation Article 118 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Taking into account the need to *define the main elements of* the licence system, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to:

Amendment

Taking into account the need to *clarify the rules concerning* the licence system, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to:

Or. en

### Amendment 270

# Proposal for a regulation Article 119 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary measures concerning this *Section*, including rules on:

Amendment

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary measures concerning this *Chapter*, including rules on:

Or. en

# **Amendment 271**

Proposal for a regulation Article 120 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Amendment

Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

# Proposal for a regulation Article 120 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Amendment

# Article 120a

### Import duties

Save as otherwise provided for pursuant to this Regulation, the rates of import duty in the Common Customs Tariff shall apply to the products referred to in Article 1.

Or. en

### **Amendment 273**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 121 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Implementation of international agreements

Amendment

Implementation of international *and other* agreements

Or. en

### **Amendment 274**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 121

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt measures to implement international agreements concluded under Article 218 of the Treaty or any other act adopted in accordance with Article 43(2) of the Treaty or the Common Customs Tariff as regards the calculation of import duties for

Amendment

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt measures to implement international agreements concluded under Article 218 of the Treaty or *under* the Common Customs Tariff as regards the *method for calculating* import duties for agricultural products. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in

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agricultural products. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2);

accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2);

Or. en

#### **Amendment 275**

Proposal for a regulation Article 121 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 121a

# Calculation of import duties for cereals

- 1. Notwithstanding Article 121, the import duty on products covered by CN codes 1001 10 00, 1001 90 91, ex 1001 90 99 (high quality common wheat), 1002 00 00, 1005 10 90, 1005 90 00 and 1007 00 90 other than hybrid for sowing, shall be equal to the intervention price valid for such products on importation and increased by 55 %, minus the cif import price applicable to the consignment in question. However, that duty may not exceed the conventional rate of duty as determined on the basis of the combined nomenclature.
- 2. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts containing its calculation of the import duty referred to in paragraph 1. The Commission shall make such calculation on the basis of the representative cif import prices of the products indicated in paragraph 1, which are determined periodically.
- 3. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, establishing the minimum requirements for high-quality common wheat.
- 4. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts, laying down the

# following:

- (i) the price quotations to be taken into consideration,
- (ii) the possibility, where appropriate in specific cases, of giving operators the opportunity to know the duty applicable before the arrival of the consignments concerned.
- 5. The implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4 shall be adopted without the application of the procedure in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

Amendment 276

Proposal for a regulation Article 121 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 121b

Calculation of import duties for husked rice

1. Notwithstanding Article 121, the import duty on husked rice falling within CN code 1006 20 shall be fixed by the Commission, by means of implementing acts, within ten days of the end of the reference period concerned in accordance with point 1 of Annex VIIB.

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts, fixing the new applicable rate if the calculations made pursuant to the annex require it to be changed. Those implementing acts shall be adopted without the application of the procedure in Article 162(2) or (3). Until such time as a new applicable rate is fixed, the duty previously fixed shall apply.

2. In order to calculate the imports

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referred to in point 1 of Annex VII, account shall be taken of the quantities for which import licences for husked rice falling within CN code 1006 20 were issued in the corresponding reference period, excluding the import licences for Basmati rice referred to in Article 121(c).

3. The annual reference quantity shall be 449 678 tonnes. The partial reference quantity for each marketing year shall correspond to half the annual reference quantity.

Or. en

**Amendment 277** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 121 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

### Article 121c

Calculation of import duties for husked Basmati rice

Notwithstanding Article 121, the husked Basmati rice varieties falling within CN codes 1006 20 17 and 1006 20 98 listed in Annex VIIc shall qualify for a zero rate of import duty. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts fixing the conditions for the application of that zero rate. Those implementing acts shall be adopted without the application of the procedure in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

**Amendment 278** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 121 d (new)

# Article 121d

# Calculation of import duties for milled rice

1. Notwithstanding Article 121, the Commission shall adopt implementing acts, fixing the import duty for semimilled or wholly milled rice falling within CN code 1006 30, within ten days after the end of the reference period concerned in accordance with point 2 of Annex VIIb. Those implementing acts shall be adopted without the application of the procedure in Article 162(2) or (3).

The Commission shall adopt implementing acts, fixing the new applicable rate if the calculations made pursuant to the annex require it to be changed. Until such time as a new applicable rate is fixed, the duty previously fixed shall apply. Those implementing acts shall be adopted without the application of the procedure in Article 162(2) or (3).

2. In order to calculate imports referred to in point 2 of Annex VIIb, account shall be taken of the quantities for which import licences for semi-milled or wholly milled rice falling within CN code 1006 30 were issued in the corresponding reference period.

Or. en

Amendment 279

Proposal for a regulation Article 121 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 121e

Calculation of import duties for broken rice

Notwithstanding Article 121, the import duty on broken rice falling within CN code 1006 40 00 shall be EUR 65 per tonne.

Or. en

Amendment 280

Proposal for a regulation Article 122 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) Where the declared entry price of the consignment in question is higher than the flat-rate import value, increased by a margin set by the Commission which may not exceed the flat-rate value by more than 10%, the lodging of a security equal to the import duty determined on the basis of the flat-rate import value shall be required. The Commission shall calculate this value every working day in relation to each origin, product and period; the value shall be equal to the weighted average of the representative prices of those products in representative import markets in the Member States or, where applicable, in other markets, deducting from those prices a total amount of EUR 5/100 kg and the ad valorem customs duties.

The interested party shall also provide information on the marketing and transportation conditions of the product by submitting copies of the documents attesting to delivery between operators and to the costs incurred between the import of the product and its sale. In all cases, the documents shall specify the variety or commercial type of the product in accordance with the provisions on presentation and labelling referred to in

the applicable Community marketing rules, the commercial category of the products and their weight.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 281**

Proposal for a regulation Article 122 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) The customs value of imported perishable goods for which the application of the Common Customs Tariff duty rate depends on the entry price of the product batch imported in consignment may be determined directly in accordance with point (c) of Article 30(2) of the Customs Code and shall be equal to the flat-rate import value.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 282**

Proposal for a regulation Article 122 — paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

(1c) The entry price of a consignment may also, where appropriate, be determined by means of a flat-rate import value calculated by origin and by product on the basis of the weighted average of the prices of the products concerned on representative import markets in the Member States, or, where appropriate, on other markets.

Or. en

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 122 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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2. For the purposes of application of Article 248 of CCIP, the checks to be carried out by the customs authorities to determine whether a security should be lodged shall include a check of the customs value against the unit value for the products concerned as referred to in point (c) of Article 30(2) of the Customs Code.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 284**

Proposal for a regulation Article 122 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Taking into account the need to ensure the efficiency of the system, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to provide that the checks carried out by the customs authorities referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall, in addition to, or as an alternative to, the check of the customs value against the unit value, include a check of the customs value against another value.

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt rules for the calculation of the other value referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in

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#### Proposal for a regulation Article 123 — paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission *may, by means of* implementing acts, *determine* the products of the cereals, rice, sugar, fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, beef and veal, milk and milk products, pig meat, sheep meat and goat meat, eggs, poultry and bananas sectors, as well as of grape juice and grape must, to which, when imported subject to the rate of duty laid down in the Common Customs Tariff, an additional import duty shall apply in order to prevent or counteract adverse effects on the Union market which may result from those imports, if:

#### Amendment

1. The Commission *shall adopt* implementing acts, *determining* the products of the cereals, rice, sugar, fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, beef and veal, milk and milk products, pig meat, sheep meat and goat meat, eggs, poultry and bananas sectors, as well as of grape juice and grape must, to which, when imported subject to the rate of duty laid down in the Common Customs Tariff, an additional import duty shall apply in order to prevent or counteract adverse effects on the Union market which may result from those imports, if:

Or. en

#### **Amendment 286**

Proposal for a regulation Article 123 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

3 a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, to ensure that imported products meet the minimum quality and environmental standards of the Union;

Or. en

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 124 – sub-paragraph 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

#### Amendment

Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 288**

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 125 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Tariff quotas for the import of agricultural products for release into free circulation in the Union (or a part thereof), or tariff quotas for imports of Union agricultural products into third countries which are to be partly or fully administered by the Union, resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty or any other act adopted in accordance with Article 43(2) of the Treaty shall be opened and/or administered by the Commission by means of delegated and implementing acts pursuant to Articles 126 to 128

#### Amendment

1. Tariff quotas for the import of agricultural products for release into free circulation in the Union, or tariff quotas for imports of Union agricultural products into third countries which are to be partly or fully administered by the Union, resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty or any other act adopted in accordance with Article 43(2) of the Treaty shall be opened and/or administered by the Commission by means of delegated and implementing acts pursuant to Articles 126 to 128.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 289**

Proposal for a regulation Article 125 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) for import tariff quotas give due weight

Amendment

(a) for import tariff quotas give due weight

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to the supply requirements of the Union market *and* the need to safeguard the equilibrium of that market, or

to the supply requirements of the Union market the need to safeguard the equilibrium of that market, and to develop new downstream markets in the production of industrial products, by ensuring certainty and continuity of supply at competitive world prices, or

Or. en

Amendment 290

Proposal for a regulation Article 125 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 125a

Specific provisions

In the case of tariff quotas for import into Spain of 2 000 000 tonnes of maize and 300 000 tonnes of sorghum and tariff quotas for import into Portugal of 500 000 tonnes of maize, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, establishing the provisions necessary for carrying out the tariff quota imports and, where appropriate, the public storage of the quantities imported by the paying agencies of the Member States concerned and their marketing on the markets of those Member States.

Or. en

**Amendment 291** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 126 – paragraph 1 – point a

#### Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

a) determine the conditions and eligibility requirements that an operator has to fulfil to submit an application within the import tariff quota; the provisions concerned may require a minimum experience in trade with third countries and assimilated territories, or in processing activity, expressed in a minimum quantity and period of time in a given market sector; those provisions may include specific rules to suit the needs and practices in force in a certain sector and the uses and needs of the processing industries;

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 292**

Proposal for a regulation Article 127 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) the use of licences, and, when necessary, specific rules relating to, in particular, the *conditions under which* applications for import *shall be submitted and authorisation granted* within the tariff quota;

#### Amendment

(e) the use of licences, and, when necessary, specific rules relating to, in particular, the *procedures for lodging* applications for import, *as well as for granting authorisations* within the tariff quota;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 293**

Proposal for a regulation Article 127 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) determine the conditions and eligibility requirements that an operator is

to fulfil when submitting an application within the import tariff quota; the provisions concerned may require a minimum experience in trade with third countries and assimilated territories, or in a processing activity, expressed in a minimum quantity and period of time in a given market sector; those provisions may include specific rules to suit the needs and practices in force in a certain sector and the uses and needs of the processing industries;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 294**

Proposal for a regulation Article 128 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

**Amendment 295** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 129 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 129a

Imports of hops

1. Products of the hops sector may be imported from third countries only if their quality standards are at least equivalent to those adopted for like products harvested within the Union or made from such products.

2. Products shall be considered as being of the standard referred to in paragraph 1 if they are accompanied by an attestation issued by the authorities of the country of origin and recognised as equivalent to the certificate referred to in Article 59b.

In the case of hop powder, hop powder with higher lupulin content, extract of hops and mixed hop products, the attestation may be recognised as being equivalent to the certificate only if the alpha acid content of these products is not lower than that of the hops from which they have been prepared.

- 3. In order to minimise the administrative burden, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, setting the conditions under which obligations related to an attestation of equivalence and the labelling of packaging are not to apply.
- 4. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts, laying down rules related to this Article, including the rules on the recognition of attestations of equivalence and on the checking of imports of hops. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2),

Or. en

**Amendment 296** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 130 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 130 a

Import of raw sugar for refining: exclusive 3-month period for full-time

#### refiners

- 1. Until the end of the 2019-2020 marketing year, an exclusive import capacity of 2 500 000 tonnes per marketing year, expressed in white sugar, is granted for full-time refiners.
- 2. The sole sugar beet processing plant at work in 2005 in Portugal is deemed to be a full-time refiner.
- 3. Import licences for sugar for refining shall be issued only to full-time refiners provided that the quantities concerned do not exceed the quantities referred to in paragraph 1. The licences may be transferred only between full-time refiners and their validity expires at the end of the marketing year for which they have been issued.

This paragraph shall apply for the first three months of each marketing year.

- 4. Taking into account the need to ensure that imported sugar for refining is refined in accordance with this sub-section, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down the following:
- (a) certain definitions for the operation of the import arrangements referred to in paragraph 1;
- (b) the conditions and eligibility requirements that an operator has to fulfil to lodge an application for an import licence, including the lodging of a security;
- (c) rules on administrative penalties to be charged.
- 5. The Commission may adopt implementing acts, laying down the necessary rules concerning the supporting documents to be supplied in connection with the requirements and obligations applicable to importers, and in particular to full-time refiners. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with

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### the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2)

Or. en

**Amendment 297** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 130 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 130 b

Suspension of import duties in the sugar sector

In compliance with the mechanism described in Article 101da and until the end of the 2019-2020 marketing year, the Commission may adopt implementing acts, suspending import duties in whole or in part for certain quantities of the following products in order to guarantee the supply required for the European sugar market:

- (a) sugar falling within CN code 1701;
- (b) isoglucose falling within CN codes 1702 30 10, 1702 40 10, 1702 60 10 and 1702 90 30.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

**Amendment 298** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 133

Text proposed by the Commission
Article 133

Amendment
Article 133

#### Scope

- 1. To the extent necessary to enable exports on the basis of world market quotations or prices and within the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty, the difference between those quotations or prices and prices in the Union may be covered by export refunds for:
- (a) the products of the following sectors to be exported without further processing:
- (i) cereals;
- (ii) rice;
- (iii) sugar, with regard to the products listed in points (b) to (d) and (g) of Part III of Annex I;
- (iv) beef and veal;
- (v) milk and milk products;
- (vi) pigmeat;
- (vii) eggs;
- (viii) poultrymeat;
- (b) the products listed in points (i) to (iii), (v) and (vii) of point (a) of this paragraph to be exported in the form of processed goods in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1216/2009 of 30 November 2009 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products, and in the form of the products containing sugar listed in point (b) of Part X of Annex I.
- 2. Export refunds on products exported in the form of processed goods shall not be higher than those applicable to the same

#### Scope

- 1. To the extent necessary to enable exports on the basis of world market quotations or prices when conditions on the internal market fall under the scope of those described in Article 154(1) and within the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty, and in accordance with Article 3(5) of the Treaty of the European Union, the difference between those quotations or prices and prices in the Union may be covered by export refunds for:
- (a) the products of the following sectors to be exported without further processing:
- (i) cereals;
- (ii) rice;
- (iii) sugar, with regard to the products listed in points (b) to (d) and (g) of Part III of Annex I;
- (iv) beef and veal;
- (v) milk and milk products;
- (vi) pigmeat;
- (vii) eggs;
- (viii) poultrymeat;
- (b) the products listed in points (i) to (iii), (v), (vi) and (vii) of point (a) of this paragraph to be exported in the form of processed goods in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1216/2009 of 30 November 2009 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products, including products exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 578/2010 of 29 June 2010, and in the form of the products containing sugar listed in point (b) of Part X of Annex I.
- 2. Export refunds on products exported in the form of processed goods shall not be higher than those applicable to the same

products exported without further processing.

3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary measures for the application of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

products exported without further processing.

2a. Without prejudice to the application of Article 154(1) and Article 159, the refund available for the products referred to in paragraph 1 shall be EUR 0.

3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary measures for the application of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 299**

### Proposal for a regulation Article 135

Text proposed by the Commission
Article 135

#### Export refund fixation

- 1. The same export refunds shall apply to the same products in the whole Union. They may vary according to destination, especially where the world market situation, the specific requirements of certain markets, or obligations resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty make this necessary.
- 2. Measures on the fixing of refunds shall be taken by the Council in accordance with Article 43(3) of the Treaty.

# Amendment Article 135

#### Export refund fixation

- 1. The same export refunds shall apply to the same products in the whole Union. They may vary according to destination, especially where the world market situation, the specific requirements of certain markets, or obligations resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty make this necessary.
- 2. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts, fixing refunds for a limited period. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

They may be fixed by tendering procedures for cereals, rice, sugar and milk and milk products.

2a. One or more of the following aspects

- shall be taken into account when refunds for a certain product are being fixed:
- (a) the existing situation and the future trend with regard to:
- (i) prices and availabilities of that product on the Union market,
- (ii) prices for that product on the world market.
- (b) the aims of the common market organisation which are to ensure equilibrium and the natural development of prices and trade on this market;
- (c) the need to avoid disturbances likely to cause a prolonged imbalance between supply and demand on the Union market;
- (d) the economic aspects of the proposed exports;
- (e) the limits resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty;
- (f) the need to establish a balance between the use of Union basic products in the manufacture of processed goods for export to third countries and the use of third country products brought in under processing arrangements;
- (g) the most favourable marketing costs and transport costs from Union markets to Union ports or other places of export, together with forwarding costs to the countries of destination;
- (h) demand on the Union market;
- (i) in respect of the pigmeat, eggs and poultrymeat sectors, the difference between prices within the Union and prices on the world market for the quantity of feed grain input required for the production in the Union of products of those sectors.

Or. en

### Proposal for a regulation Article 141

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 141

Other implementing powers

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, fix coefficients adjusting export refunds in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to Article 139(6).

Amendment

Article 141

Other implementing powers

The Commission may *adopt* implementing acts, *fixing* coefficients adjusting export refunds in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to Article 139(6).

Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3).

Or. en

#### Amendment 301

### Proposal for a regulation Article 143

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 143

Application of Articles 101 to 106 of the Treaty

Save as otherwise provided for in this Regulation, Articles 101 to 106 of the Treaty and implementation provisions thereof shall, subject to Articles 144 to 145 of this Regulation, apply to all agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Article 101(1) and Article 102 of the Treaty which relate to the production of, or trade in, agricultural products.

Amendment

Article 143

Application of Articles 101 to 106 of the Treaty

Save as otherwise provided in this Regulation, in accordance with Article 42 of the Treaty, Articles 101 to 106 of the Treaty and implementation provisions thereof shall, subject to Article 143a to 145 of this Regulation, apply to all agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Article 101(1) and Article 102 of the Treaty which relate to the production of, or trade in, agricultural products.

In order to improve the functioning of the internal market and to ensure uniform application of Union competition rules in the agricultural and agri-food sector, the

Commission shall coordinate action by the various national competition authorities. For this purpose, the Commission shall notably publish guidelines and good practice guides to assist the various national competition authorities, as well as undertakings of the agricultural and agri-food sector.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 302**

Proposal for a regulation Article 143a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

#### Article 143a

#### The relevant market

- 1. The definition of the relevant market is a tool to identify and define the boundaries of competition between firms, and is founded on two cumulative elements:
- (a) the relevant product market: for the purposes of this Chapter, 'product market' means the market comprising all those products which are regarded as interchangeable or substitutable by the consumer by reason of the products' characteristics, their prices and their intended use;
- (b) the relevant geographic market: for the purposes of this Chapter, 'geographic market' means the market comprising the area in which the firms concerned are involved in the supply of the relevant products, in which the conditions of competition are sufficiently homogeneous and which can be distinguished from neighbouring areas, particularly because the conditions of competition are appreciably different in those areas.

- 2. For the purpose of defining the relevant market, the following principles apply:
- (a) the relevant product market shall be considered in the first instance, for raw products, to be the market in products from a given species of plant or animal; wherever a smaller subdivision is used, this shall be duly substantiated;
- (b) the relevant geographic market shall be considered in the first instance to be the Union market; wherever a smaller subdivision is used, this shall be duly substantiated.

Or. en

**Amendment 303** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 143b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 143b

#### Dominant position

- 1. For the purposes of this Chapter, 'dominant position' means a position of economic strength enjoyed by an undertaking which enables it to prevent effective competition being maintained in the relevant market by giving it the power to behave to an appreciable extent independently of its competitors, customers and ultimately of consumers.
- 2. A dominant position shall be deemed not to be present where the market shares held on a relevant market by an undertaking, or by several undertakings linked by a horizontal agreement, in the agricultural and agri-foodstuffs sector, are smaller than the market shares held by the largest undertaking on the same relevant market at the next stage down in

### Proposal for a regulation Article 144

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 144

Exceptions for the objectives of the CAP and farmers and their associations

1. Article 101(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to the agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Article 143 of this Regulation necessary for the attainment of the objectives set out in Article 39 of the Treaty.

In particular, Article 101(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to agreements, decisions and practices of farmers, farmers' associations, or associations of such associations, or producer organisations recognised under Article 106 of this Regulation, or associations of producer organisations recognised under Article 107 of this Regulation, which concern the production or sale of agricultural products or the use of joint facilities for the storage, treatment or processing of agricultural products, and under which there is no obligation to charge identical prices, unless competition is thereby excluded or the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty are jeopardised.

## Amendment Article 144

Exceptions for the objectives of the CAP and farmers and their *organisations or* associations *of organisations* 

1. Article 101(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to the agreements, decisions and *concerted* practices referred to in Article 143 of this Regulation necessary for the attainment of the objectives set out in Article 39 of the Treaty.

In particular, agreements, decisions and *concerted* practices of farmers, or producer organisations recognised under Article 106 of this Regulation, or associations of producer organisations recognised under Article 107 of this Regulation, which concern the production or sale of agricultural products or the use of joint facilities for the storage, treatment or processing of agricultural products *shall be presumed to be necessary to achieve the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty*.

The agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in the present paragraph shall be presumed to comply with the conditions laid down in Article 101(3) of the Treaty.

The present paragraph shall not apply where competition is excluded.

1a. The agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in paragraph 1 shall not entail an obligation to charge an identical price, except as regards the contracts referred to in Articles 104a, 105a, 113a and 113b.

1b. The agreements, decisions and concerted practices of farmers, of producer organisations or of associations of producer organisations referred to in Article 143 shall fall under the scope of the application of Regulation (EC) No 1/2003.

2. After consulting the Member States and hearing the undertakings or associations of undertakings concerned and any other natural or legal person that it considers appropriate, the Commission shall have sole power, subject to review by the Court of Justice, to determine, by adopting, by means of implementing acts, a Decision which shall be published, which agreements, decisions and practices fulfil the conditions specified in paragraph 1.

The Commission shall undertake such determination either on its own initiative or at the request of a competent authority of a Member State or of an interested undertaking or association of undertakings.

3. The publication of the Decision referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 shall state the names of the parties and the main content of the decision. It shall have regard to the legitimate interest of undertakings in the protection of their business secrets.

Or. en

### Proposal for a regulation Article 145

Text proposed by the Commission
Article 145

Agreements and concerted practices of recognised interbranch organisations

- 1. Article 101(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to the agreements, decisions and concerted practices of interbranch organisations recognised under Article 108 of this Regulation with the object of carrying out the activities listed in point (c) of Article 108(1) of this Regulation, and for the olive oil and table olive and tobacco sectors, Article 108(2) of this Regulation.
- 2. Paragraph 1 shall apply only provided that:
- (a) the agreements, decisions and concerted practices have been notified to the Commission:
- (b) within two months of receipt of *all the details* required the Commission, by means of implementing acts, has not found that *the* agreements, *decisions or concerted practices are incompatible with Union rules*.
- 3. The agreements, decisions and concerted practices may not be put into effect before the lapse of the period referred to in paragraph 2(b).

# Amendment Article 145

Agreements and concerted practices of recognised interbranch organisations

- 1. Article 101(1) of the Treaty shall not apply to the agreements, decisions and concerted practices of interbranch organisations recognised under Article 108 of this Regulation with the object of carrying out the activities listed in point (c) of Article 108(1) of this Regulation, and for the olive oil and table olive and tobacco sectors, Article 108(2) of this Regulation.
- 2. Paragraph 1 shall apply only provided that:
- (a) the agreements, decisions and concerted practices have been notified to the Commission;
- (b) within two months of receipt of the notification required, the Commission has not found that these agreements fall within the scope of paragraph 4. Where the Commission does find that those agreements fall within the scope of paragraph 4, it shall adopt implementing acts, setting out its finding. Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3).
- 3. The agreements, decisions and concerted practices may not be put into effect before the lapse of the period referred to in paragraph 2(b).
- 3a. Notwithstanding paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, in the event of a crisis, the agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in paragraph 1 shall enter into force and shall be notified to the Commission as soon as they are adopted.

- 4. Agreements, decisions and concerted practices shall in any case be declared incompatible with Union rules if they:
- (a) may lead to the partitioning of markets within the Union in any form;
- (b) may affect the sound operation of the market organisation;
- (c) may create distortions of competition which are not essential to achieving the objectives of the CAP pursued by the interbranch organisation activity;
- (d) entail the fixing of prices or the fixing of quotas;
- (e) may create discrimination or eliminate competition in respect of a substantial proportion of the products in question.
- 5. If, following expiry of the two-month period referred to in paragraph 2(b), the Commission finds that the conditions for applying paragraph 1 have not been met, it shall, by means of implementing acts, take a Decision declaring that Article 101(1) of the Treaty applies to the agreement, decision or concerted practice in question.

That Commission Decision shall not apply earlier than the date of its notification to the interbranch organisation concerned, unless that interbranch organisation has given incorrect information or abused the exemption provided for in paragraph 1.

6. In the case of multiannual agreements, the notification for the first year shall be valid for the subsequent years of the agreement. However, in that event, the Commission may, on its own initiative or

Within 21 days after the date of notification, the Commission shall, where appropriate, adopt implementing acts setting out its decision that these agreements fall within the scope of paragraph 4. Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Article 162(2) or (3),

- 4. Agreements, decisions and concerted practices shall in any case be declared incompatible with Union rules if they:
- (a) may lead to the partitioning of markets within the Union in any form;
- (b) may affect the sound operation of the market organisation;
- (c) may create distortions of competition which are not essential to achieving the objectives of the CAP pursued by the interbranch organisation activity;
- (d) entail the fixing of prices;
- (e) may create discrimination or eliminate competition in respect of a substantial proportion of the products in question.
- 5. If, following expiry of the two-month period referred to in paragraph 2(b), the Commission finds that the conditions for applying paragraph 1 have not been met, it shall, by means of implementing acts, take a Decision declaring that Article 101(1) of the Treaty applies to the agreement, decision or concerted practice in question.

That Commission Decision shall not apply earlier than the date of its notification to the interbranch organisation concerned, unless that interbranch organisation has given incorrect information or abused the exemption provided for in paragraph 1.

6. In the case of multiannual agreements, the notification for the first year shall be valid for the subsequent years of the agreement.

at the request of another Member State, issue a finding of incompatibility at any time.

6a. The Commission may adopt implementing acts, laying down measures necessary for the uniform application of this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 306**

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 152 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States may finance those payments by means of a levy on the sector concerned or by any other contribution from the private sector.

#### Amendment

Member States may finance those payments *from their national budget*, by means of a levy on the sector concerned or by any other contribution from the private sector.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 307**

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 152 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States may, in addition to Union aid provided for in Article 21, make national payments for financing accompanying measures necessary to make the Union scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetable, processed fruit and vegetable and banana products effective, as provided for in Article 21(2).

#### Amendment

Member States may, in addition to Union aid provided for in Article 21, make national payments for financing accompanying measures necessary to make the Union scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetable, processed fruit and vegetable and banana products effective, as provided for in Article 21(2). *The total amount of co-financing shall not exceed* 

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 308**

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 153 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 153a

Promoting sales in the milk and milk products sector

A Member State may impose a promotional levy on its milk producers in respect of marketed quantities of milk or milk equivalent in order to finance the measures on promoting consumption in the Union, expanding the markets for milk and milk products and improving quality.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 309**

### Proposal for a regulation Article 154

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 154

Measures against market disturbance

1. Taking into account the need to react efficiently and effectively against *threats of* market disturbance caused by significant price rises or falls on internal or external markets or any other factors affecting the market, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to take the necessary measures for the sector

Amendment

Article 154

Measures against market disturbance

1. Taking into account the need to react efficiently and effectively against market disturbance caused by significant price rises or falls on internal or external markets or a substantial rise in production costs as set out in Article 7(2) or any other factors affecting the market, where that situation is likely to continue or to deteriorate, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt

concerned, respecting any obligations resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty.

Where in the cases *of threats* of market disturbances referred to in the first subparagraph, imperative grounds of urgency so require, the procedure provided for in Article 161 of this Regulation shall apply to delegated acts adopted pursuant to this paragraph.

Such measures may to the extent and for the time necessary extend or modify the scope, duration or other aspects of other measures provided for under this Regulation, or suspend import duties in whole or in part including for certain quantities or periods as necessary.

- 2. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall *not* apply to products listed in *Section* 2 *of Part XXIV of* Annex I.
- 3. The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary rules for the application of paragraph 1 of this Article. Those rules may, in particular, concern procedures and technical criteria. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to take the necessary measures for the sector concerned, respecting any obligations resulting from agreements concluded in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty provided that any other measures available under this Regulation appear insufficient.

Where in the cases of market disturbances referred to in the first subparagraph, imperative grounds of urgency so require, the procedure provided for in Article 161 of this Regulation shall apply to delegated acts adopted pursuant to this paragraph.

Such measures may, to the extent and for the time necessary, extend or modify the scope, duration or other aspects of other measures provided for under this Regulation, or suspend import duties in whole or in part including for certain quantities or periods as necessary, or allocate funds in order to trigger the export refunds referred to in Chapter VI of Part III, or to provide specific support for producers so as to mitigate the effects of serious market disturbance.

- 2. Without prejudice to Article 133(1), the measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply to all of the products listed in Annex I
- 3. The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, adopt necessary rules for the application of paragraph 1 of this Article. Those rules may, in particular, concern procedures and technical criteria. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 310**

### Proposal for a regulation Article 155

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Article 155

Measures concerning animal diseases and loss of consumer confidence due to public, animal or plant health risks

- 1. The Commission may, by means of *implementing* acts, *adopt* exceptional support measures:
- (a) *for the affected market* in order to take account of restrictions on intra-Union and third-country trade which may result from the application of measures for combating the spread of diseases in animals, and
- (b) in order to take account of serious market disturbances directly attributed to a loss in consumer confidence due to public, animal or plant health risks.

# Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

- 2. The measures provided for in paragraph 1 shall apply to the following sectors:
- (a) beef and veal;
- (b) milk and milk products;
- (c) pigmeat;
- (d) sheepmeat and goatmeat;
- (e) eggs;
- (f) poultrymeat.

The measures provided for in point (b) of paragraph 1 related to a loss in consumer confidence due to public or plant health risks shall also apply to all other agricultural products *except those listed in Section 2 of Part XXIV of Annex I*.

#### Amendment

#### Article 155

Measures concerning *pests*, animal *and plant* diseases and loss of consumer confidence due to public, animal or plant health risks

- 1. The Commission may, by means of delegated acts, adopted in accordance with the urgency procedure referred to in Article 161, lay down exceptional support measures for the affected market:
- (a) in order to take account of restrictions on intra-Union and third-country trade which may result from the application of measures for combating the spread of *pests* and diseases in animals and plants, and
- (b) in order to take account of serious market disturbances directly attributed to a loss in consumer confidence due to public, animal or plant health risks.
- 2. The measures provided for in paragraph 1 shall apply to the following sectors:
- (a) beef and veal;
- (b) milk and milk products;
- (c) pigmeat;
- (d) sheepmeat and goatmeat;
- (e) eggs;
- (f) poultrymeat.

The measures provided for in point (b) of paragraph 1 related to a loss in consumer confidence due to public or plant health risks shall also apply to all other agricultural products.

- 3. The measures provided for in paragraph 1 shall be taken at the request of the Member State concerned.
- 4. The measures provided for in point (a) of paragraph 1 may be taken only if the Member State concerned has taken health and veterinary measures quickly to stamp out the disease, and only to the extent and for the duration strictly necessary to support the market concerned.
- 5. The Union shall provide part-financing equivalent to 50 % of the expenditure borne by Member States for the measures provided for in paragraph 1.

However, with regard to the beef and veal, milk and milk products, pigmeat and sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors, the Union shall provide part-financing equivalent to 60 % of such expenditure when combating foot-and-mouth disease.

6. Member States shall ensure that, where producers contribute to the expenditure borne by Member States, this does not result in distortion of competition between producers in different Member States.

- 2a. The Commission may, by means of delegated acts adopted in accordance with the urgency procedure referred to in Article 161, extend the list of products referred to in paragraph 2.
- 3. The measures provided for in paragraph 1 shall be taken at the request of the Member State concerned.
- 4. The measures provided for in point (a) of paragraph 1 may be taken only if the Member State concerned has taken *relevant phytosanitary or* health and veterinary measures quickly to stamp out *pest or* the disease, and only to the extent and for the duration strictly necessary to support the market concerned.
- 5. The Union shall provide part-financing equivalent to 50 % and 75%, respectively, of the expenditure borne by Member States for the measures provided for in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1. These measures may include tax advantages or preferential loans granted to farmers to be financed under Regulation [on Rural Development].

However, with regard to the beef and veal, milk and milk products, pigmeat and sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors, the Union shall provide part-financing equivalent to 60 % of such expenditure when combating foot-and-mouth disease.

6. Member States shall ensure that, where producers contribute to the expenditure borne by Member States, this does not result in distortion of competition between producers in different Member States.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 311**

### Proposal for a regulation Article 156

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 156

Measures to resolve specific problems

- 1. The Commission shall, by means of *implementing* acts, *adopt* necessary and justifiable emergency measures to resolve specific problems. Those measures may derogate from the provisions of this Regulation only to an extent that is strictly necessary and for a period that is strictly necessary. *Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).*
- 2. To resolve specific problems, on duly justified grounds of urgency, the Commission shall adopt *immediately applicable implementing* acts in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article *162(3)*.

Amendment

#### Article 156

Measures to resolve specific problems

- 1. The Commission shall, by means of delegated acts, adopted in accordance with the urgency procedure referred to in Article 161, lay down necessary and justifiable emergency measures to resolve specific problems. Those measures may derogate from the provisions of this Regulation only to an extent that is strictly necessary and for a period that is strictly necessary.
- 2. To resolve specific problems, on duly justified grounds of *extreme* urgency, the Commission shall adopt *delegated* acts in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article *161*.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 312**

Proposal for a regulation Article 156a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 156a

Measures to address severe imbalances in the market for milk and milk products

1. From 1 April 2015, in the event of a severe imbalance in the market for milk and milk products, the Commission may adopt implementing acts to grant, for a period of at least three months which period may be extended, aid to milk producers who voluntarily cut their

production by at least 5 % compared with the same period in the previous year. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2),

When granting such aid, the Commission shall also adopt implementing acts to impose, for a period of at least three months which may be extended, a levy on milk producers who increase their production by at least 5 % compared with the same period in the previous year. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2),

- 2. When triggering the measure referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission shall take into account the developments of the production costs, particularly the costs of inputs.
- 3. The supply of milk, free of charge, to charitable organisations, as defined in Article 29(3)(b) of COM (2012) 617 under the name "partner organisations", may be deemed to be a cut in production under the conditions laid down by the Commission pursuant to paragraph 4.
- 4. The products of undertakings that have implemented the system referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1, shall be given priority when intervention measures, as referred to in Title I of Part II are taken on the market for milk and milk products.
- 5. Taking into account the need to ensure that this scheme is operated in an effective and appropriate manner, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 to establish:
- (a) the criteria to be met in order to be eligible for aid;
- (b) the specific conditions that will trigger implementation of this scheme;

- (c) the terms under which free distribution of milk to charitable organisations, as referred to in paragraph 2, may be deemed to be a cut in production;
- (d) the conditions governing the repayment of aid in the event of noncompliance with commitments to cut production, along with any interest due under the relevant rules in force.
- 6. The Commission may adopt implementing acts, fixing the amount of the aid and the size of the levy referred to in paragraph 1.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

**Amendment 313** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 156 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 156a

Operational programmes for mountain milk

In order to ensure the rational development of mountain and hill farming and thereby to ensure a fair standard of living for dairy farmers in mountain areas, as from 30 April 2014, in mountain and hill areas, recognised producer organisations, may submit operational programmes to improve the profit margins of these producers, taking into account the specific features of these areas. The Union financial assistance shall be limited to 4,1 % of the value of the marketed production of each producer organisation. However, that percentage

may be increased to 4,6 % of the value of the marketed production provided that the amount in excess of 4,1 % of the value of the marketed production is used solely for crisis prevention and management measures.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 314**

Proposal for a regulation Article 156b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 156b

Measures against market disturbance in the fruit and vegetables sector

- 1. Given the specific and perishable nature of fruit and vegetables, a mechanism shall be established to respond to serious market disturbances; these may be caused by significant falls in internal market prices resulting from health concerns and other causes that lead to sudden drops in demand.
- 2. This mechanism shall be exclusive to the product or products in question, of limited application in time, revisable, automatically activated and accessible to all producers in the sector.
- 3. It shall include the measures listed in points (g), (h) and (d) of Article 31(2) of this Regulation, but they shall be independent of the management of the operational funds used by recognised fruit and vegetables producer organisations.
- 4. The Union shall finance 100 % of the expenditure for the measures provided for in this Article.
- 5. Serious crisis management operations shall be governed by the mechanisms

established for crisis management measures under the framework of the operational programmes. Those affected who are not members of a producer organisation shall conclude agreements for the purpose of coordinating crisis management operations, and agree on a certain percentage to be set aside to cover management costs.

- 6. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 in order to apply the measures provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.
- 7. At the request of Member States, the Commission mayadopt implementing acts, providing for exceptional measures to combat market distruption in the fruit and vegetables sector. The Commission shall ensure that the public is informed when such measures are introduced and is made aware of the products, areas and amount of support in question. In the case of free distribution, the amount of support shall be adjusted. The end of the crisis period shall also be determined, by means of an implementing act, once the case of serious market disturbance has ended. The implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

**Amendment 315** 

Proposal for a regulation Part V – Chapter I – Section 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

SECTION 3A

AGREEMENTS, DECISIONS AND CONCERTED PRACTICES DURING PERIODS OF SEVERE IMBALANCE

#### IN MARKETS

Or. en

**Amendment 316** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 156c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 156c

Application of Article 101(1) of the Treaty

1. During periods of severe imbalance in markets, the Commission may adopt implementing acts to the effect that Article 101(1) of the Treaty shall not apply under any circumstances to agreements, decisions and concerted practices involving recognised producer organisations, associations thereof and recognised interbranch organisations in any of the sectors referred to in Article 1(2) of this Regulation, provided that such agreements, decisions or concerted practices seek to stabilise the sector concerned by introducing price fixing and production control measures. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

This paragraph shall also apply to agreements, decisions and concerted practices between organisations.

2. Paragraph 1 shall apply only if the Commission has already adopted one of the measures referred to in this chapter or it has authorised public intervention or aid for private storage as referred to in Chapter I of Title I of Part II, and if the agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in paragraph 1 are considered by the Member State(s) concerned to be justified in the light of the

#### imbalance in the market.

3. The agreements, decisions and concerted practices referred to in paragraph 1 shall only be valid for a period of up to six months. However, the the Commission may adopt implementing acts, authorising such agreements, decision and concerted practices for a further period of up to six-months. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2),

Or en

#### Amendment 317

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 157 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the purposes of applying this Regulation, monitoring, analysing and managing the market in agricultural products, ensuring market transparency, the proper functioning of CAP measures, of checking, controlling, monitoring, evaluating and auditing CAP measures, implementing international agreements, including notification requirements under those agreements, the Commission may in accordance with the procedure referred to in paragraph 2 adopt the necessary measures regarding communications to be made by undertakings, Member States and/or third countries. In so doing it shall take into account the data needs and synergies between potential data sources.

#### Amendment

1. For the purposes of applying this Regulation, monitoring, analysing and managing the market in agricultural products, ensuring market transparency, the proper functioning of CAP measures, of checking, controlling, monitoring, evaluating and auditing CAP measures, implementing international agreements, including notification requirements under those agreements, the Commission may in accordance with the procedure referred to in paragraph 2 adopt the necessary measures regarding communications to be made by undertakings, Member States and/or third countries. In so doing it shall take into account the data needs and synergies between potential data sources and shall ensure compliance with the principle according to which personal data must not be further processed in a way incompatible with the original purpose of their collection.

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 157 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The information obtained may be transmitted or made available to international organisations, the competent authorities of third countries and may be made public, subject to the protection of personal data and the legitimate interest of undertakings in the protection of their business secrets, including prices.

Amendment

The information obtained may be transmitted or made available to international organisations, the competent authorities of third countries and may be made public, subject to the protection of personal data and the legitimate interest of undertakings in the protection of their business secrets, including prices. In particular, the transmission of personal data to international organisations or to the competent authorities of third countries must comply with the provisions of Article 9 of Regulation 45/2001/EC and Articles 25 and 26 of Directive 95/46/EC, and such data may be transmitted only for the purpose of implementing international agreements.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 319**

Proposal for a regulation Article 157 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) in respect of personal data, the types of data to be processed, the access rights to such data, the minimum and maximum retention periods and the purpose of processing, in particular in the event of the publication of such data and their transfer to third countries.

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 157a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

**Amendment** 

#### Article 157a

Compulsory declarations in the milk and milk products sector

From 1 April 2015, the first purchasers of raw milk shall declare to the competent national authority the quantity of raw milk that has been delivered to them each month.

For the purpose of this Article and of Article 104a, a "first purchaser" means an undertaking or group which buys milk from producers in order to:

- (a) subject it to collecting, packing, storing, chilling or processing, including under a contract;
- (b) sell it to one or more undertakings treating or processing milk or other milk products.

Member States shall notify the Commission of the quantity of raw milk referred to in the first subparagraph.

The Commission may adopt implementing acts laying down rules on the content, format and timing of such declarations and measures relating to the notifications to be made by the Member States in accordance with this Article. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

#### Proposal for a regulation Article 157 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

#### Article 157b

### Compulsory declarations in the wine sector

- 1. Producers of grapes for wine making and producers of must and wine shall declare to the competent national authorities each year the quantities produced from the last harvest.
- 2. Member States may require merchants of grapes for wine making to declare each year the quantities marketed from the last harvest.
- 3. Producers of must and wine, and merchants other than retailers, shall declare to the competent national authorities each year their stocks of must and wine, whether from the harvest of the current year or from the harvest of preceding years. Must and wine imported from third countries shall be stated separately.
- 4. In order to ensure that the producers and merchants referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 respect their obligations, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, laying down rules:
- (a) on the content of compulsory declarations and exemptions;
- (b) on the content of the declarations referred to in point (a) and the conditions for submission, as well as exemptions from the obligation to submit the declarations;
- (c) on penalties to be applied where declarations are not submitted to Member States within due time.

- 5. The Commission may adopt implementing acts:
- (a) laying down conditions in relation to the model forms to be used for the compulsory declarations;
- (b) laying down rules on conversion coefficients for products other than wine;
- (c) specify the deadlines for submission of compulsory declarations;
- (d) lay down rules on inspections and reporting by Member States to the Commission.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Or. en

## **Amendment 322**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 158

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 158

Reporting obligation of the Commission

The Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council:

(a) every three years after 2013 on the implementation of the measures concerning the apiculture sector as set out in Articles 52 to 54;

#### Amendment

Article 158

Reporting obligation of the Commission

The Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council:

- (a) every three years after the entry into force of this Regulation:
- (i) on the implementation of the measures concerning the apiculture sector as set out in Articles 52 to 54;
- (ii) on the application of competition rules to the farming and agrifood sector in all the Member States, with particular attention being paid to the application of the exemptions referred to in Articles 144

(b) by 30 June 2014 and also by 31 December 2018 on the development of the market situation in the milk and milk products sector and in particular on the operation of Articles 104 to 107 and 145 in that sector covering, in particular, potential incentives to encourage farmers to enter into joint production agreements together with any appropriate proposals.

and 145 and potential disparities in the interpretation and implementation of both national and European competition rules, together with any appropriate proposals;

(iii) on the steps taken to protect designations of origin and geographical indications against misuse in third countries;

(b) by 30 June 2014 and also by 31 December 2018 on the development of the market situation in the milk and milk products sector and in particular on the operation of Articles 104a, 105a, 105b and 157a in that sector, assessing, in particular, the effects on milk producers and milk production in disadvantaged regions in connection with the general objective of maintaining production in such regions, and covering, potential incentives to encourage farmers to enter into joint production agreements together with any appropriate proposals;

# (ba) by 31 December 2014:

- (i) on the feasibility of introducing specific marketing rules for pigmeat, sheepmeat and goatmeat, outlining the relevant provisions which the Commission proposes to adopt by means of delegated acts;
- (ii) on the introduction of simplified marketing standards tailored to the local animal breeds and plant varieties used and produced by small-scale producers, together with any appropriate proposals for addressing the difficulties experienced by those producers in complying with Union marketing standards;
- (iii) on the competitiveness and sustainability of agriculture and agrifood sector, followed by a second report by 31 December 2019;
- (iv) on the development of the market situation and the functioning of the supply chain in the sugar sector, followed by a report by 1 July 2018 on the

development of the market situation in the sugar sector, paying particular attention to the appropriate means of discontinuing the current quota system and on the sector's future after 2020, paying particular attention to the need to ensure a fair contractual system and a sugar price declaration system, together with any appropriate proposals.

(v) on a simplified scheme for optional reserved terms in the beef and veal sector, paying particular attention to the current framework for voluntary labelling, as well as the appropriate terms relating to breeding, production and feed that can add value in the beef and veal sector, together with any appropriate proposals;

(ba) no later than four years after the entry into force of this Regulation, on the operation and effectiveness of agricultural market management tools, their fitness for purpose in the new international context, with particular attention being paid to their consistency with the objectives laid down in Article 39 of the Treaty, together with any appropriate proposals;

Or. en

## **Amendment 323**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 159

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 159

Use of the Reserve

Funds transferred from the Reserve for crises in the agricultural sector under the conditions and procedure referred to in paragraph 14 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European

Amendment

Article 159

Use of the Reserve

Funds transferred from the Reserve for crises in the agricultural sector under the conditions and procedure referred to in paragraph 14 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European

Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management shall be made available for the measures to which this Regulation applies for the year or years for which the additional support is required and which are implemented in circumstances that go beyond normal market developments.

In particular, funds shall be transferred for any expenditure under:

- (a) Chapter I of Title I of Part II,
- (b) Chapter VI of Part III, and
- (c) Chapter I of this Part.

The Commission may, by means of implementing acts, and by way of derogation from the second paragraph of this Article, decide that transfers of funds shall not be made for certain expenditure referred to in point (b) of that paragraph if such expenditure is part of normal market management. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 162(2).

Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management shall be made available for the measures to which this Regulation applies for the year or years for which the additional support is required and which are implemented in circumstances that go beyond normal market developments.

In particular, funds shall be transferred for any expenditure under:

- (a) Chapter I of Title I of Part II,
- (b) Chapter VI of Part III, and
- (c) Chapter I of this Part.

Or. en

# **Amendment 324**

Proposal for a regulation Article 160 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The *delegations of power* referred to in this Regulation shall be conferred on the Commission for *an indeterminate* period of *time* from the entry into force of this Regulation.

#### Amendment

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in this Regulation shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from the entry into force of this Regulation. The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegated power no later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be

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tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

Or. en

## **Amendment 325**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 163

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 163

Repeals

1. Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 is repealed.

However, the following provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 [Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] shall continue to apply:

- (a) as regards the sugar sector, Title I of Part II, Article 142, the first subparagraph of Article 153(1), Article 153(2) and (3), Article 156, Part II of Annex III and Annex VI [Title I of Part II, Articles 248, 260 to 262 and Part II of Annex III of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] until the end of the 2014/2015 marketing year for sugar on 30 September 2015;
- (b) the provisions related to the system of milk production limitation set out in Chapter III of Title I of Part II and Annexes IX and X [Chapter III of Title I of Part II and IX of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799], until 31 March 2015;
- (c) as regards the wine sector:
- (i) Articles 85a to 85e [Articles 82 to 87 of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] as

Amendment

Article 163

Repeals

1. Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 is repealed.

However, the following provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall continue to apply:

- (b) the provisions related to the system of milk production limitation set out in Chapter III of Title I of Part II and Annexes IX and X, until 31 March 2015;
- (c) as regards the wine sector:
- (i) Articles 85a to 85e as regards areas referred to in Article 85a(2) which have not

regards areas referred to in Article 85a(2) [Article 82(2) of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] which have not yet been grubbed up and as regards areas referred to in Article 85b(1) [Article 83(1) of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] which have not been regularised until such areas are grubbed up or regularised,

- (ii) the transitional planting right regime set out in Subsection II of Section IVa of Chapter III of Title I of Part II [Subsection II of Section V of Chapter III of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] until 31 December 2015, or, to the extent necessary in order to give effect to any decision taken by Member States under Article 85g(5) [Article 89(5) of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799], until 31 December 2018,
- (iii) Article 118m(5) and Article 118s(5);
- (d) Article 182(7) [Article 291(2) of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799], until 31 March 2014;
- (e) the first and second subparagraphs of Article 182(3) [Article 293 of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] until the end of the 2013/2014 marketing year for sugar;
- (f) Article 182(4) [Article 294 of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] until 31 December 2017.[;]
- (g) Article 326 of Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799.
- 2. References to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 [Regulation (EU) No COM(2010)799] shall be construed as references to this Regulation and to Regulation (EU) No [...] [on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy] and be read in accordance with the correlation tables set out in Annex VIII to this Regulation.
- 3. Council Regulations (EC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1601/96 and (EC) No 1037/2001 are repealed."

yet been grubbed up and as regards areas referred to in Article 85b(1) which have not been regularised until such areas are grubbed up or regularised,

- (iii) Article 118m(5) and Article 118s(5);
- (d) Article 182(7), until 31 March 2014;
- (e) the first and second subparagraphs of Article 182(3) until the end of the 2013/2014 marketing year for sugar;
- (f) Article 182(4) until 31 December 2017.
- 2. References to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall be construed as references to this Regulation and to Regulation (EU) No [...] [on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy] and be read in accordance with the correlation tables set out in Annex VIII to this Regulation.
- 3. Council Regulations (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1601/96 and (EC) No 1037/2001 are repealed.

#### **Amendment 326**

Proposal for a regulation Article 163a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

# Article 163a

Date of application of marketing rules

In order to ensure legal certainty as regards the application of marketing rules, the Commission shall adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 160, to determine the date on which the following provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 cease to apply to the sector concerned:

- Articles 113a, 113b, 114, 115, 116 and 117(1) to (4);
- subparagraph 2 of point II of Annex XIa, points IV to IX of Annex XIa, paragraph 2 of point IV of Annex XII, subparagraph 2 of point VI of Annex XIII, part A of Annex XIV, paragraphs 2 and 3 of point I of part B of Annex XIV, point III of part B of Annex XIV, part C of Annex XIV and points II, III, IV and VI of Annex XV.

That date shall be the date of application of the corresponding marketing rules to be established pursuant to the delegated acts provided for in Section I of Chapter I of Title II of Part II of this Regulation.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 327**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 164

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 164

Transitional rules

Taking into account the need to ensure the smooth transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EU) No [COM(2010)799] to those laid down in this Regulation, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 concerning measures necessary to protect the acquired rights and legitimate expectations of undertakings.

Amendment

Article 164

Transitional rules

Taking into account the need to ensure the smooth transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulation 1234/2007 to those laid down in this Regulation, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 160 concerning measures necessary to protect the acquired rights and legitimate expectations of undertakings.

All multiannual aid programmes adopted before 1 January 2014 on the basis of Articles 103, 103i and 105a of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 shall continue to be governed by those provisions following the entry into force of this Regulation until those programmes come to an end.

Or. en

## **Amendment 328**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 165

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 165

Entry into force and application

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2014.

Amendment

Article 165

Entry into force and application

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2014.

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However, Articles 7, 16 and 101 and Annex III, as regards the sugar sector, shall only apply after the end of the 2014/2015 marketing year for sugar on 1 October 2015.

2. As regards the milk and milk products sector, Articles *104 and* 105 shall apply until 30 June 2020.

However, Articles 7 *and* 16 shall only apply after the end of the *2019/2020* marketing year for sugar on 1 October *2020*.

2. As regards the milk and milk products sector, Articles *104a*, 105, *105b and 157a* shall apply until 30 June 2020.

Or. en

# **Amendment 329**

Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Part V – product line (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ex 1207 99 15

Hemp seeds

for sowing

Or. en

# **Amendment 330**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Part IX

# Text proposed by the Commission

CN Code		Description	
	0702 00 00	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	
	0703	Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled	
	0704	Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled	
	0705 Lettuce (Lactuca sativa) and chicory (Cichorium spp.), fresh or chilled		
	O706 Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled		
	0707 00	Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled	
	0708	Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled	
ex	0709	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled, excluding vegetables of subheadings $0709\ 60\ 91,0709\ 60\ 95,0709\ 60\ 99,0709\ 90\ 31,0709\ 90\ 39$ and $0709\ 90\ 60$	
ex	0802	Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled, excluding areca (or betel) and cola nuts falling within subheading 0802 90 20	

	0803 00 11	Fresh plantains	
ex	0803 00 90	Dried plantains	
	0804 20 10	Figs, fresh	
	0804 30 00	Pineapples	
	0804 40 00	Avocados	
	0804 50 00	Guavas, mangos and mangosteens	
	0805	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried	
	0806 10 10	Fresh table grapes	
	0807	Melons (including watermelons) and papaws (papayas), fresh	
	0808	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh	
	0809	Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh	
	0810	Other fruit, fresh	
	0813 50 31 0813 50 39	Mixtures exclusively of nuts of headings 0801 and 0802	
	0910 20	Saffron	
ex	0910 99	Thyme, fresh or chilled	
ex	1211 90 85	Basil, melissa, mint, origanum vulgare (oregano/wild marjoram), rosemary, sage, fresh or chilled	
	1212 99 30	Locust beans	

# Amendment

CN Code	Description	
0702 00 00	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	
0703	Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled	
0704	Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled	
0705 Lettuce (Lactuca sativa) and chicory (Cichorium spp.), fresh or chilled		
0706	Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled	
0707 00	Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled	
0708	Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled	
ex 0709	<i>Truffles and</i> other vegetables, fresh or chilled, excluding vegetables of subheadings 0709 60 91, 0709 60 95, 0709 60 99, 0709 90 31, 0709 90 39 and 0709 90 60	
071320 00	Chickpeas (garbanzos)	
07 13 40 00	00 Lentils	
07 14 90	Yams and Jerusalem artichokes	
Ex 1214 Swedes		
09 05 00 00 Vanilla		
0906 Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers		
09 07 00 00	Cloves	
09 08	Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms	
09 09	Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries	
Ex 0910	Ginger, turmeric (curcuma), bay leaves, curry and other spices excluding thyme and saffron	
ex 0802	Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled, excluding areca (or betel) and cola nuts falling within subheading 0802 90 20	
0803 00 11	Fresh plantains	
ex 0803 00 90	Dried plantains	

	0804 20 10	Figs, fresh	
	0804 30 00	Pineapples	
	0804 40 00	Avocados	
	0804 50 00	Guavas, mangos and mangosteens	
	0805	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried	
	0806 10 10	Fresh table grapes	
	0807	Melons (including watermelons) and papaws (papayas), fresh	
	0808	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh	
	0809	Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh	
	0810	Other fruit, fresh	
	0813 50 31 0813 50 39	Mixtures exclusively of nuts of headings 0801 and 0802	
	0910 20	Saffron	
ex	0910 99	Thyme, fresh or chilled	
ex	1211 90 85	Basil, melissa, mint, origanum vulgare (oregano/wild marjoram), rosemary, sage, fresh or chilled	
	1212 99 30	Locust beans	

Or. en

# **Amendment 331**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex I – Part X – product lines (new)

# Text proposed by the Commission

CN Code		Description	
(a) e	ex 0710	Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water) frozen, excluding sweetcorn of subheading 0710 40 00, olives of subheading 0710 80 10 and fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta of subheading 0710 80 59	
e	ex 0711	Vegetables provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, excluding olives of subheading 0711 20, fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta of subheading 0711 90 10 and sweetcorn of subheading 0711 90 30	
e	ex 0712	Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared, excluding potatoes dehydrated by artificial heat-drying and unfit for human consumption falling within subheading ex 0712 90 05, sweetcorn falling within the subheadings 0712 90 11 and 0712 90 19 and olives falling within subheading ex 0712 90 90	
	0804 20 90	Dried figs	
	0806 20	Dried grapes	
e	ex 0811	Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, excluding frozen bananas falling within subheading ex 0811 90 95	
	CN Code	Description	
e	ex 0812	Fruit and nuts, provisionally preserved (for example by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, excluding bananas provisionally preserved falling within subheading ex 0812 90 98	
e	ex 0813	Fruit, dried, other than that of headings 0801 to 0806; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this chapter	

-	_	excluding mixtures exclusively of nuts of headings 0801 and 0802 falling within subheadings 0813 50 31
		and 0813 50 39
	0814 00 00	Peel of citrus fruit or melons (including watermelons), fresh, frozen, dried or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions
	0904 20 10	Dried sweet peppers, neither crushed nor ground
(b)	ex 0811	Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter
	ex 1302 20	Pectic substances and pectinates
	ex 2001	Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, excluding:
		- fruit of the genus Capsicum other than sweet peppers or pimentos of subheading 2001 90 20
		- sweetcorn (Zea mays var. saccharata) of subheading 2001 90 30
		<ul> <li>yams, sweet potatoes and similar edible parts of plants, containing 5 % or more by weight of starch of subheading 2001 90 40</li> </ul>
		- palm hearts of subheading 2001 90 60
		- olives of subheading 2001 90 65
		- vine leaves, hop shoots and other similar edible parts of plants falling within subheading ex 2001 90 97
	2002	Tomatoes prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
	2003	Mushrooms and truffles, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
	ex 2004	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than the products of heading 2006, excluding sweetcorn (Zea mays var. saccharata) of subheading 2004 90 10, olives of subheading ex 2004 90 30 and potatoes prepared or preserved in the form of flour, meal or flakes of subheading 2004 10 91
	ex 2005	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading 2006 excluding olives of subheading 2005 70 00, sweetcorn (Zea mays var. saccharata) of subheading 2005 80 00 and fruit of the genus Capsicum, other than sweet peppers or pimentos of subheading 2005 99 10 and potatoes prepared or preserved in the form of flour, meal or flakes of subheading 2005 20 10
	ex 2006 00	Fruit, nuts, fruit-peel and other parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallised), excluding bananas preserved by sugar falling within headings ex 2006 00 38 and ex 2006 00 99
	ex 2007	Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut purée and fruit or nut pastes, being cooked preparations, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, excluding:
		- homogenised preparations of bananas of subheading ex 2007 10
		- jams, jellies, marmalades, purée or pastes of bananas of subheadings ex 2007 99 39, ex 2007 99 50 and ex 2007 99 97
	ex 2008	Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included, excluding:
		- peanut butter of subheading 2008 11 10
		- palm hearts of subheading 2008 91 00
		- maize of subheading 2008 99 85
		- yams, sweet potatoes and similar edible parts of plants, containing 5 % or more by weight of starch of subheading 2008 99 91
		- vine leaves, hop shoots and other similar edible parts of plants falling within subheading ex 2008 99 99
		- mixtures of banana otherwise prepared or preserved of subheadings ex 2008 92 59, ex 2008 92 78, ex 2008 92 93 and ex 2008 92 98
		- bananas otherwise prepared or preserved of subheadings ex 2008 99 49, ex 2008 99 67 and ex 2008 99 99
	ex 2009	Fruit juices (excluding grape juice and grape must of subheadings 2009 61 and 2009 69 and banana juice of subheading ex 2009 80) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter

# Amendment

	CN Code	Description		
(a)	ex 0710	Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water) frozen, excluding sweetcorn of subheading 0710 40 00, olives of subheading 0710 80 10 and fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta of subheading 0710 80 59		
	ex 0711	Vegetables provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, excluding olives of subheading 0711 20, fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta of subheading 0711 90 10 and sweetcorn of subheading 0711 90 30		
	ex 0712	Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared, excluding potatoes dehydrated by artificial heat-drying and unfit for human consumption falling within subheading ex 0712 90 05, sweetcorn falling within the subheadings 0712 90 11 and 0712 90 19 and olives falling within subheading ex 0712 90 90		
	0804 20 90	Dried figs		
	0806 20	Dried grapes		
	ex 0811	Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, excluding frozen bananas falling within subheading ex 0811 90 95		
	CN Code	Description		
	ex 0812	Fruit and nuts, provisionally preserved (for example by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption, excluding bananas provisionally preserved falling within subheading ex 0812 90 98		
	ex 0813	Fruit, dried, other than that of headings 0801 to 0806; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this chapter excluding mixtures exclusively of nuts of headings 0801 and 0802 falling within subheadings 0813 50 31 and 0813 50 39		
	0814 00 00	Peel of citrus fruit or melons (including watermelons), fresh, frozen, dried or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions		
0904 20 10 Dried sweet peppers, neither crushed nor ground		Dried sweet peppers, neither crushed nor ground		
(b)	ex 0811	Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter		
	ex 1302 20	Pectic substances and pectinates		
	ex 2001	Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, excluding:		
		- fruit of the genus Capsicum other than sweet peppers or pimentos of subheading 2001 90 20		
		- sweetcorn (Zea mays var. saccharata) of subheading 2001 90 30		
		- yams, sweet potatoes and similar edible parts of plants, containing 5 % or more by weight of starch of subheading 2001 90 40		
		- palm hearts of subheading 2001 90 60		
		- olives of subheading 2001 90 65		
	2002	- vine leaves, hop shoots and other similar edible parts of plants falling within subheading ex 2001 90 97		
	2002	Tomatoes prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid		
	2003	Mushrooms and truffles, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid		
	ex 2004	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than the products of heading 2006, excluding sweetcorn (Zea mays var. saccharata) of subheading 2004 90 10, olive of subheading ex 2004 90 30 and potatoes prepared or preserved in the form of flour, meal or flakes of subheading 2004 10 91		
	ex 2005	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading 2006 excluding olives of subheading 2005 70 00, sweetcom (Zea mays var. saccharata of subheading 2005 80 00 and fruit of the genus Capsicum, other than sweet peppers or pimentos of subheading 2005 99 10 and potatoes prepared or preserved in the form of flour, meal or flakes of subheadin 2005 20 10		
	ex 2006 00	Fruit, nuts, fruit-peel and other parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallised), excluding bananas preserved by sugar falling within headings ex 2006 00 38 and ex 2006 00 99		
	ex 2007	Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut purée and fruit or nut pastes, being cooked preparations, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, excluding:		
		- homogenised preparations of bananas of subheading ex 2007 10		

	<ul> <li>palm hearts of subheading 2008 91 00</li> <li>maize of subheading 2008 99 85</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>yams, sweet potatoes and similar edible parts of plants, containing 5 % or more by weight of starch of subheading 2008 99 91</li> </ul>
	- vine leaves, hop shoots and other similar edible parts of plants falling within subheading ex 2008 99 99
	- mixtures of banana otherwise prepared or preserved of subheadings ex 2008 92 59, ex 2008 92 78, ex 2008 92 93 and ex 2008 92 98
	- bananas otherwise prepared or preserved of subheadings ex 2008 99 49, ex 2008 99 67 and ex 2008 99 99
ex 2009	Fruit juices (excluding grape juice and grape must of subheadings 2009 61 and 2009 69 and banana juice o subheading ex 2009 80) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter
ex 0910	dried thyme
ex 1211	dried, whole, cut, crushed or powdered, basil, melissa, mint, origanum vulgare (oregano/wild marjoram), rosemary and sage
ex 0904	pepper; dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta, excluding sweet peppers falling within subheading 0904 20 10
ex220600	cider

Or. en

# **Amendment 332**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex I - Part XV - sub-part a - CN code 0201 - indents (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

0201 – Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled

0201 – Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled:

- 0201 10 00 - Carcases and half-carcases

- 0201 20 - other cuts with bone in:

- *0201 20 20* - 'compensated' quarters

- 0201 20 30 - separated or unseparated forequarters

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- 0201 20 50 - separated or unseparated hindquarters

Or. en

#### Amendment 333

# Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part I a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

# Part Ia: Definitions concerning the sugar sector

- 1. 'White sugars' means sugars, not flavoured or coloured or containing any other added substances, containing, in the dry state, 99,5 % or more by weight of sucrose, determined by the polarimetric method.
- 2. 'Raw sugars' means sugars, not flavoured or coloured or containing any other added substances, containing, in the dry state, less than 99,5 % by weight of sucrose, determined by the polarimetric method.
- 3. 'Isoglucose' means the product obtained from glucose or its polymers, with a content by weight in the dry state of at least 10 % fructose.
- 4. 'Inulin syrup' means the immediate product obtained by hydrolysis of inulin or oligofructoses, containing in the dry state at least 10 % fructose in free form or as sucrose, and expressed as sugar/isoglucose equivalents. In order to avoid restrictions on the market for products with low sweetening power produced by inulin fibre processors without inulin syrup quota, this definition may be amended by the Commission.
- 5. 'Quota sugar', 'quota isoglucose' and 'quota inulin syrup' mean any quantity of sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup production attributed to a specific marketing year under the quota of the undertaking concerned.
- 6. 'Industrial sugar' means any quantity of sugar production attributed to a

- specific marketing year over and above the sugar quantity referred to in point 5, intended for the production by the industry of one of the products referred to in Article 101m(2).
- 7. 'Industrial isoglucose' and 'industrial inulin syrup' mean any quantity of isoglucose or inulin syrup production attributed to a specific marketing year, intended for the production by the industry of one of the products referred to in Article 101m(2).
- 8. 'Surplus sugar', 'surplus isoglucose' and 'surplus inulin syrup' mean any quantity of sugar, isoglucose or inulin syrup production attributed to a specific marketing year over and above the respective quantities referred to in points 5, 6 and 7.
- 9. 'Quota beet' means all sugar beet processed into quota sugar.
- 10. 'Delivery contract' means a contract concluded between a seller and an undertaking for the delivery of beet for the manufacture of sugar.
- 11. 'Agreement within the trade' means one of the following:
- (a) an agreement concluded at Union level, prior to the conclusion of any delivery contract, between a group of national undertakings' organisations on the one hand and a group of national sellers' organisations on the other;
- (b) an agreement concluded, prior to the conclusion of any delivery contract, between undertakings or an undertakings' organisation recognised by the Member State concerned on the one hand and a sellers' association recognised by the Member State concerned on the other;
- (c) in the absence of any agreement as referred to in point (a) or (b), the law on companies and the law on cooperatives, in so far as they govern the delivery of sugar

beet by the shareholders or members of a company or cooperative manufacturing sugar;

(d) in the absence of any agreement as referred to in point (a) or (b), the arrangements existing before the conclusion of any delivery contract, provided the sellers accepting the arrangement supply at least 60 % of the total beet bought by the undertaking for the manufacture of sugar in one or more factories;

12. 'Full-time refiner' means a production unit:

- of which the sole activity consists of refining imported raw cane sugar, or
- which refined in the marketing year 2004/2005 a quantity of at least 15,000 tonnes of imported raw cane sugar. For the purpose of this indent, in the case of Croatia the marketing year shall be that of 2007/2008.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 334**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part VIII – point 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. 'Honey' means the natural sweet substance produced by Apis mellifera bees from the nectar of plants or from secretions of living parts of plants or excretions of plant-sucking insects on the living parts of plants, which the bees collect, transform by combining with specific substances of their own, deposit, dehydrate, store and leave in honeycombs to ripen and mature.

## Amendment

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acids, enzymes and solid particles derived from honey collection, including pollen, while none of these substances and particles can be considered an ingredient of honey.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 335**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Part VIII – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. 'Apiculture products' means honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis *or* pollen.

#### Amendment

- 2. 'Apiculture products' means honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis *and* pollen.
- 'Beeswax' means lipid natural matter prepared from secretions of the wax glands of Apis mellifera worker bees and used in manufacturing honeycombs.
- 'Royal jelly' means the natural substance secreted by the hypopharyngeal and mandibular glands of Apis mellifera nurse worker bees, designed to feed the larvae and the queen and to which no other substance may be added.
- 'Propolis' means the substance collected from certain plants and subsequently transformed by Apis mellifera worker bees, to which their own secretions (mainly wax and salivary secretions) are added in order to use it as mortar.
- 'Pollen' means a compact substance, more or less spherical, resulting from the agglutination of the male gametes of flowers by means of nectar, salivary secretions and the mechanical action of the third pair of legs of Apis mellifera worker bees, which is collected and transformed in the form of balls of pollen in order to be deposited and subsequently stored in the hive, and to which no other substance may be added.

'Honeycomb pollen or bee bread' means balls of pollen scattered by bees in honeycomb cells which have undergone certain natural transformations through the presence of enzymes and microorganisms; this pollen can be covered with honey.

Or. en

**Amendment 336** 

Proposal for a regulation Annex III, Title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ANNEX III

STANDARD QUALITY OF RICE AND SUGAR AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 7

ANNEX III
STANDARD QUALITY OF RICE AND
SUGAR AS REFERRED TO IN

ARTICLE 7 AND ARTICLE 101G

Or. en

**Amendment 337** 

Proposal for a regulation Annex III a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

# ANNEX IIIa

# UNION SCALES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF CARCASSES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 7

# A: Union scale for the classification of carcasses of adult bovine animals

# I. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply:

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- 1. 'carcass': the whole body of a slaughtered animal as presented after bleeding, evisceration and skinning;
- 2. 'half-carcass': the product obtained by separating the carcass referred to in point (1) symmetrically through the middle of each cervical, dorsal, lumbar and sacral vertebra and through the middle of the sternum and the ischiopubic symphysis.

# II. Categories

The carcases of adult bovine animals shall be divided into the following categories:

A: carcasses of uncastrated young male animals of less than two years of age;

B: carcasses of other uncastrated male animals;

C: carcasses of castrated male animals;

D: carcasses of female animals that have calved;

E: carcasses of other female animals.

# III. Classification

The carcasses shall be classified by successive assessment of:

# 1. Conformation, defined as follows:

Development of carcass profiles, in particular the essential parts (round, back, shoulder)

Conformation	Description
class	
S	All profiles extremely convex; exceptional muscle development (double
Superior	muscled carcass type)
$\boldsymbol{E}$	All profiles convex to super-convex; exceptional muscle development
Excellent	
$\boldsymbol{\mathit{U}}$	Profiles on the whole convex; very good muscle development
Very good	
R	Profiles on the whole straight; good muscle development
Good	
0	Profiles straight to concave; average muscle development
Fair	
P	All profiles concave to very concave; poor muscle development
Poor	

# 2. Fat cover, defined as follows:

Amount of fat on the outside of the carcass and in the thoracic cavity

Class of fat	Description
cover	
1	None up to low fat cover
low	
2	Slight fat cover, flesh visible almost everywhere
slight	
3	Flesh with the exception of the round and shoulder, almost
average	everywhere covered with fat, slight deposits of fat in the thoracic cavity
4	Flesh covered with fat, but on the round and shoulder still partly
high	visible, some distinctive fat deposits in the thoracic cavity
5	Entire carcass covered with fat; heavy deposits in the thoracic cavity
very high	

Member States shall be authorised to subdivide each of the classes that are provided for in points 1 and 2 into a maximum of three subclasses.

## IV. Presentation

Carcasses and half-carcasses shall be presented:

- 1. without the head and without the feet; the head shall be separated from the carcass at the atloido-occipital joint and the feet shall be severed at the carpametacarpal or tarsometatarsal joints,
- 2. without the organs contained in the thoracic and abdominal cavities with or without the kidneys, the kidney fat and the pelvic fat,
- 3. without the sexual organs and the attached muscles and without the udder or the mammary fat.

# V. Classification and identification

Slaughterhouses approved under Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council shall take measures to ensure that all carcasses or half-carcasses from adult bovine animals slaughtered in such slaughterhouses and bearing a health mark provided for Article 5(2) in conjunction with Chapter III of Section I of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council are classified and identified in accordance with the Union scale.

Before identification by marking, Member States may grant authorisation to have the external fat removed from the carcasses or half-carcasses if this is justified by the fat cover.

# B: Union scale for the classification of pig carcasses

# I. Definition

'Carcass' shall mean the body of a slaughtered pig, bled and eviscerated, whole or divided down the mid-line.

# II. Classification

Carcasses shall be divided into classes according to their estimated lean-meat content and classified accordingly:

Classes	Lean meat as percentage of carcass weight
S	60 or more (*)
$\boldsymbol{E}$	55 and more
U	50 or more but less than 55
R	45 or more but less than 50
0	40 or more but less than 45
P	less than 40

<sup>(\*) [</sup>Member States may introduce, for pigs slaughtered in their territory, a separate class of 60 % or more of lean meat designated with the letter S.]

## III. Presentation

Carcasses shall be presented without tongue, bristles, hooves, genital organs, flare fat, kidneys and diaphragm.

#### IV. Lean-meat content

- 1. The lean-meat content shall be assessed by means grading methods authorised by the Commission. Only statistically proven assessment methods based on the physical measurement of one or more anatomical parts of the pig carcass may be authorised. Authorisation of grading methods shall be subject to compliance with a maximum tolerance for statistical error in assessment.
- 2. However, the commercial value of the carcasses shall not be determined solely by their estimated lean-meat content.

# V. Identification of carcasses

Unless otherwise provided for by the Commission, classified carcasses shall be identified by marking in accordance with the Union scale.

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# C: Union scale for the classification of sheep carcasses

# I. Definition

As regards the terms 'carcass' and 'half-carcass' the definitions laid down in point A.I shall apply.

# II. Categories

The carcasses shall be divided into the following categories:

A: carcasses of sheep under 12 months old,

B: carcasses of other sheep.

# III. Classification

- 1. The carcasses shall be classified by way of application of the provisions in point A.III mutatis mutandis. However, the term 'round' in point A.III.1 and in rows 3 and 4 of the table under point A.III.2. shall be replaced by the term 'hindquarter'.
- 2. By way of derogation from point 1, for lambs of less than 13 kg carcass weight, the Commission may adopt implementing acts, , authorising the Member States to use the following criteria for classification:
- (a) carcass weight;
- (b) colour of meat;
- (c) fat cover.

Those implementing acts shall be adopted without applying the procedure referred to in Articles 162(2) and (3).

## IV. Presentation

Carcasses and half-carcasses shall be presented without the head (severed at the atlantooccipital joint), the feet (severed at the carpometacarpal or tarso-metatarsal joints), the tail (severed between the sixth and seventh caudal vertebrae), the udder, the genitalia, the liver and the pluck. Kidneys and kidney fat are included in the carcass.

# V. Identification of carcasses

Classified carcasses and half-carcasses shall be identified by marking in accordance with

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# **Amendment 338**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex III b (new)

Text proposed by Parliament

# ANNEX IIIb

# NATIONAL AND REGIONAL QUOTAS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUGAR, ISOGLUCOSE AND INULIN SYRUP AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 101H (in tonnes)

Member States or regions	Sugar	Isoglucose	Inulin syrup
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Belgium	676 235,0	114 580,2	0
Bulgaria	0	89 198,0	
Czech Republic	372 459,3		
Denmark	372 383,0		
Germany	2 898 255,7	56 638,2	
Ireland	0		
Greece	158 702,0	0	
Spain	498 480,2	53 810,2	
France (metropolitan)	3 004 811,15		0
French overseas departments	432 220,05		
Italy	508 379,0	32 492,5	
Latvia	0		
Lithuania	90 252,0		

Hungary	105 420,0	250 265,8	
Netherlands	804 888,0	0	0
Austria	351 027,4		
Poland	1 405 608,1	42 861,4	
Portugal (mainland)	0	12 500,0	
Autonomous Region of the Azores	9 953,0		
Romania	104 688,8	0	
Slovenia	0		
Slovakia	112 319,5	68 094,5	
Finland	80 999,0	0	
Sweden	293 186,0		
United Kingdom	1 056 474,0	0	
Croatia	р.т.	р.т.	р.т.
TOTAL	13 336 741,2	720 440,8	0

Or. en

**Amendment 339** 

Proposal for a regulation Annex III c (new)

Text proposed by Parliament

# ANNEX IIIc

# DETAILED RULES ON TRANSFERS OF SUGAR OR ISOGLUCOSE QUOTAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 101K

I

For the purpose of this Annex:

(a) 'merger of undertakings' means the consolidation of two or more undertakings into a

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single undertaking;

- (b) 'transfer of an undertaking' means the transfer or absorption of the assets of an undertaking having quota to one or more undertakings;
- (c) 'transfer of a factory' means the transfer of ownership of a technical unit, including all the plant required to manufacture the product concerned, to one or more undertakings, resulting in the partial or total absorption of the production of the undertaking making the transfer;
- (d) 'lease of a factory' means the leasehold contract of a technical unit including all the plant required for the manufacture of sugar, with a view to its operation, concluded for a period of at least three consecutive marketing years, which the parties agree not to terminate before the end of the third marketing year, with an undertaking which is established in the same Member State as the factory concerned, if, after the lease takes effect, the undertaking which rents the factory can be considered a solely sugar-producing undertaking for its entire production.

II

- 1. Without prejudice to point 2, in the event of the merger or transfer of sugar-producing undertakings or the transfer of sugar factories, the quota shall be adjusted as follows:
  - (a) in the event of the merger of sugar-producing undertakings, the Member States shall allocate to the undertaking resulting from the merger a quota equal to the sum of the quotas allocated prior to the merger to the sugar-producing undertakings concerned;
  - (b) in the event of the transfer of a sugar-producing undertaking, the Member State shall allocate the quota of the transferred undertaking to the transferee undertaking for the production of sugar or, if there is more than one transferee undertaking, the allocation shall be made in proportion to the sugar production absorbed by each of them;
  - (c) in the event of the transfer of a sugar factory, the Member State shall reduce the quota of the undertaking transferring ownership of the factory and shall increase the quota of the sugar-producing undertaking or undertakings purchasing the factory in question by the quantity deducted in proportion to the production absorbed.
- 2. Where a number of the sugar-beet or cane growers directly affected by one of the operations referred to in point 1 expressly show their willingness to supply their beet or cane to a sugar-producing undertaking which is not party to those operations, the Member State may make the allocation on the basis of the production absorbed by the undertaking to which they intend to supply their beet or cane.
- 3. In the event of closure, in circumstances other than those referred to in point 1, of:

- (a) a sugar-producing undertaking,
- (b) one or more factories of a sugar-producing undertaking.

The Member State may allocate the part of the quotas involved in such closure to one or more sugar-producing undertakings.

Also in the case referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph, where some of the producers concerned expressly show their willingness to supply their beet or cane to a given sugar-producing undertaking, the Member State may allocate the proportion of the quotas corresponding to the beet or cane concerned to the undertaking which they intend to supply with those products.

- 4. Where the derogation referred to in Article 101(5) is invoked, the Member State concerned may require the beet growers and the sugar undertakings concerned by that derogation to include in their agreements within the trade special clauses enabling the Member State to apply points 2 and 3 of this Section.
- 5. In the event of the lease of a factory belonging to a sugar-producing undertaking, the Member State may reduce the quota of the undertaking offering the factory for rent and allocate the portion by which the quota was reduced to the undertaking which rents the factory in order to produce sugar in it.

If the lease is terminated during the period of three marketing years referred to in point I (d) the adjustment of quota under the first subparagraph of this point shall be cancelled retroactively by the Member State as at the date on which the lease took effect. However, if the lease is terminated by reason of force majeure, the Member State shall not be bound to cancel the adjustment.

- 6. Where a sugar-producing undertaking can no longer ensure that it meets its obligations under Union legislation towards the sugar-beet or cane producers concerned, and where that situation has been ascertained by the competent authorities of the Member State concerned, the latter may allocate for one or more marketing years the part of the quotas involved to one or more sugar-producing undertakings in proportion to the production absorbed.
- 7. Where a Member State grants a sugar producing undertaking price and outlet guarantees for processing sugar beet into ethyl alcohol, that Member State may, in agreement with that undertaking and the beet growers concerned, allocate all or part of the sugar production quotas to one or more other undertakings for one or more marketing years.

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In the event of the merger or transfer of isoglucose-producing undertakings or the transfer of an isoglucose-producing factory, the Member State may allocate the quotas involved for the production of isoglucose to one or more other undertakings, whether or not they have a production quota.

The measures taken pursuant to Sections II and III may take effect only if the following conditions are met:

- (a) the interests of each of the parties concerned are taken into consideration;
- (b) the Member State concerned considers that they are likely to improve the structure of the beet, cane and sugar-manufacturing sectors;
- (c) they concern undertakings established in the same territory for which the quota is set in Annex IIIb.

V

When the merger or transfer occurs between 1 October and 30 April of the following year, the measures referred to in Sections II and III shall take effect for the current marketing year.

When the merger or transfer occurs between 1 May and 30 September of the same year, the measures referred to in Sections II and III shall take effect for the following marketing year.

VI

Where Sections II and III are applied, Member States shall inform the Commission of the adjusted quotas not later than 15 days after the expiry of the periods referred to in Section V.

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**Amendment 340** 

Proposal for a regulation Annex III d (new)

Text proposed by Parliament

# ANNEX III d Purchase terms for beets, referred to in Article 101

# **POINT I**

For the purposes of this Annex 'Contracting Parties' means:

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- (a) sugar undertakings (hereinafter referred to as manufacturers), and
- (b) beet sellers (hereinafter referred to as sellers).

#### **POINT II**

- 1. Delivery contracts shall be made in writing for a specified quantity of quota beet.
- 2. Delivery contracts shall specify whether an additional quantity of beet may be supplied, and under what terms.

## **POINT III**

- 1. Delivery contracts shall indicate the purchase prices for the quantities of beet referred to in point (a) and, if appropriate, point (b), of Article 101(2a) of this Regulation. In the case of the quantities referred to in point (a) of Article 101(2a), those prices may not be lower than the minimum price for quota beet referred to in Article 101g(1).
- 2. Delivery contracts shall lay down a fixed sugar content for beet. They shall include a conversion scale showing the different sugar contents and factors for converting the quantities of beet supplied into quantities corresponding to the sugar content shown in the delivery contract.
  - The scale shall be based on the yields corresponding to the different sugar contents.
- 3. Where a seller has signed a delivery contract with a manufacturer for the delivery of beet as referred to in point (a) of Article 101(2a), all deliveries by that seller, converted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Point, shall be considered to be deliveries within the meaning of point (a) of Article 101(2a), up to the quantity of beet specified in the delivery contract.
- 4. Manufacturers producing a quantity of sugar lower than their quota beet for which they have signed pre-sowing delivery contracts under point (a) of Article 101(2a), shall distribute the quantity of beet corresponding to any additional production up to the amount of their quota among the sellers with whom they have signed pre-sowing delivery contracts within the meaning of point (a) of Article 101(2a).

Agreements within the trade may derogate from this provision.

#### **POINT IV**

1. Delivery contracts shall contain provisions concerning the staggering and normal duration of beet deliveries.

2. Provisions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be those applicable during the previous marketing year, taking account of the level of actual production; agreements within the trade may derogate therefrom.

#### **POINT** V

- 1. Delivery contracts shall provide for beet collection places.
- 2. Where sellers and manufacturers have already signed a delivery contract for the previous marketing year, the collection places agreed upon by them for deliveries during that marketing year shall remain in operation. Agreements within the trade may derogate from this provision.
- 3. Delivery contracts shall provide that loading and transport costs from the collection places are to be borne by the manufacturer subject to special agreements based on local rules or usages in operation before the previous marketing year.
- 4. However, in Denmark, Greece, Spain, Ireland, Portugal, Finland and the United Kingdom, where beet is delivered free-at-factory, delivery contracts shall require manufacturers to contribute to loading and transport costs and shall stipulate the percentage or amounts.

## **POINT VI**

- 1. Delivery contracts shall provide for reception points for beet.
- 2. Where sellers and manufacturers have already signed a delivery contract for the previous marketing year, the reception points agreed upon by them for deliveries during that marketing year shall remain in operation. Agreements within the trade may derogate from this provision.

#### **POINT VII**

- 1. Delivery contracts shall provide for the sugar content to be determined using the polarimetric method. A sample of the beet shall be drawn at the time of reception.
- 2. Agreements within the trade may provide for samples to be drawn at another stage. In such cases, the delivery contract shall provide for a correction to compensate for any drop in the sugar content between the reception and the drawing of the sample.

#### **POINT VIII**

Delivery contracts shall provide for gross weight, tare and sugar content to be determined using one of the following procedures:

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- (a) jointly, by the manufacturer and the beet growers' trade organisation, if an agreement within the trade so provides;
- (b) by the manufacturer, under the supervision of the beet growers' trade organisation;
- (c) by the manufacturer, under the supervision of an expert recognised by the Member State concerned, provided the seller defrays the costs thereof.

## **POINT IX**

- 1. Delivery contracts shall require manufacturers to do one or more of the following for the whole quantity of beet delivered:
  - (a) to return the fresh pulp from the tonnage of beet delivered free of charge to the seller, ex-factory;
  - (b) to return part of that pulp, pressed, dried or dried and molassed, free of charge to the seller, ex-factory;
  - (c) to return the pulp, pressed or dried, to the seller, ex-factory; in this case, the manufacturer may require the seller to pay the pressing or drying costs;
  - (d) to pay the seller compensation which takes account of the possibilities of selling the pulp concerned.

When parts of the whole quantity of beet delivered are subject to different treatment, the delivery contract shall impose more than one of the obligations provided for in the first subparagraph.

2. Agreements within the trade may provide for pulp to be delivered at a stage other than that referred to in paragraph 1(a), (b) and (c).

#### **POINT** X

- 1. Delivery contracts shall fix the time limits for any advance payments and for payment of the purchase price for beet.
- 2. The time limits referred to in paragraph 1 shall be those valid during the previous marketing year. Agreements within the trade may derogate from this provision.

#### **POINT XI**

Where delivery contracts lay down rules covering matters which are dealt with in this Annex, or where they contain provisions governing other matters, their provisions and effects shall not conflict with this Annex.

# **POINT XII**

- 1. Agreements in the trade as described in Annex II, Part Ia, point 11 to this Regulation shall contain arbitration clauses.
- 2. Where agreements within the trade at Community, regional or local level lay down rules covering matters which are dealt with in this Regulation, or where they contain provisions governing other matters, their provisions and effects shall not conflict with this Annex.
- 3. Agreements referred to in paragraph 2 lay down, in particular:
  - (a) rules on the distribution to sellers of quantities of beet which the manufacturer decides to buy prior to sowing, for the manufacture of sugar within the limits of the quota;
  - (b) rules on distribution as referred to in Point III(4);
  - (c) the conversion scale referred to in Point III(2);
  - (d) rules on the choice and supply of seeds of the varieties of beet to be produced;
  - (e) the minimum sugar content of beet to be delivered;
  - (f) a requirement for consultation between the manufacturer and the sellers' representatives before the starting date of beet deliveries is fixed;
  - (g) the payment of premiums to sellers for early or late deliveries;
  - (h) details of:
    - (i) the part of the pulp referred to in Point IX(1)(b),
    - (ii) the costs referred to in Point IX(1)(c),
    - (iii) the compensation referred to in Point IX(1)(d);
  - (i) the removal of pulp by the seller;
  - (j) without prejudice to Article 101g(1) of this Regulation, rules on how any difference between the reference price and the actual selling price of the sugar is to be allocated between the manufacturer and sellers.

#### **POINT XIII**

Where there is no set agreement within the trade as to how the quantities of beet intended for the manufacture of sugar within the quota limits which the manufacturer offers to buy

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before sowing should be allocated among the sellers, the Member State concerned may itself lay down rules for such allocation.

Those rules may also grant to traditional sellers of beet to cooperatives delivery rights other than those which they would enjoy if they belonged to such cooperatives. Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation Annex VI – Part II – point 17 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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- (17a) Crémant means white or rosé quality sparkling wine with protected designations of origin, or with a geographical indication of a third country, produced under the following conditions:
- (a) the grapes are harvested manually;
- (b) the wine is made from must obtained by pressing whole or destemmed grapes; the quantity of must obtained not exceeding 100 litres for every150 kg of grapes;
- (c) the maximum sulphur dioxide content does not exceed 150 mg/l;
- (d) the sugar content is less than 50 g/l;
- (e) the wine was made sparkling by a second alcoholic fermentation in the bottle;
- (f) the wine stayed without interruption in contact with the lees for at least nine months in the same undertaking from the time when the cuvée was constituted;
- (g) the wine was separated from the lees by disgorging.

The term 'Crémant' shall be indicated on labels of quality sparkling wines in combination with the name of the geographical unit underlying the demarcated area of the protected

designation of origin, or the geographical indication of a third country, in question.

Neither point (a) of the first paragraph nor the second paragraph shall apply to producers with trade marks including the word 'crémant' that were registered before 1 March 1986.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 342**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex VI – Part III – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

[...]

2. For the purposes of this Part, 'milk products' means products derived exclusively from milk, on the understanding that substances necessary for their manufacture may be added provided that those substances are not used for the purpose of replacing, in whole or in part, any milk constituent.

The following shall be reserved exclusively for milk products.

- (a) the following names used at all stages of marketing:
- (i) whey,
- (ii) cream,
- (iii) butter,
- (iv) buttermilk,
- (v) butteroil,
- (vi) caseins,
- (vii) anhydrous milkfat (AMF),
- (viii) cheese,
- (ix) yogurt,
- (x) kephir,

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- (xi) koumiss,
- (xii) viili/fil,
- (xiii) smetana,
- (xiv) fil;

(b) names within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2000/13/EC actually used for milk products.

- (xi) koumiss,
- (xii) viili/fil,
- (xiii) smetana,
- (xiv) fil;

(xiva) curd,

(xivb) sour cream,

(xivc) rjaženka,

(xivd) rūgušpiens;

(b) names within the meaning of Article 5 of Directive 2000/13/EC actually used for milk products.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 343**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex VI – Part V – Section II

Text proposed by the Commission

## **II Definitions**

- (1) 'poultrymeat' means poultrymeat suitable for human consumption, which has not undergone any treatment other than cold treatment;
- (2) "fresh poultrymeat" means poultrymeat which has not been stiffened at any time by the cooling process prior to being kept at a temperature not below -2 °C and not higher than +4 °C. However, Member States may lay down slightly different temperature requirements for the minimum length of time necessary for the cutting and handling of fresh poultrymeat performed in retail shops or in premises adjacent to sales points, where the cutting and handling are performed solely for the purpose of supplying the consumer directly on the spot;
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- (3) "frozen poultrymeat" means

poultrymeat which must be frozen as soon as possible within the constraints of normal slaughtering procedures and is to be kept at a temperature no higher than – 12 °C at any time

- (4) 'quick-frozen poultrymeat' means poultrymeat which is to be kept at a temperature no higher than -18°C at any time within the tolerances as provided for in Council Directive 89/108/EEC.
- (5) "poultrymeat preparation" means poultrymeat including poultrymeat that has been reduced to fragments, which has had foodstuffs, seasonings or additives added to it or which has undergone processes insufficient to modify the internal muscle fibre structure of the meat;
- (6) "fresh poultrymeat preparation" means a poultrymeat preparation for which fresh poultrymeat has been used.

However, Member States may lay down slightly different temperature requirements to be applied for the minimum length of time necessary and only to the extent necessary to facilitate the cutting and handling performed in the factory during the production of fresh poultrymeat preparations;

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Poultrymeat shall be marketed in one of the following conditions:

- fresh,
- frozen,
- quick-frozen.

Or. en

# **Amendment 344**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex VI – Part V a (new)

Text proposed by Parliament

# Part Va. Eggs of hens of the Gallus gallus species

# I. Scope

- (1) This Part of the Annex applies to the marketing within the Union of the eggs produced in the Union, imported from third countries or intended for export outside the Union.
- (2) Member States may exempt from the requirements provided for in this Part of this Annex, with the exception of point III(3), eggs sold directly to the final consumer by the producer:
- (a) on the production site, or
- (b) in a local public market or by door-to-door selling in the region of production of the Member State concerned.

Where such exemption is granted, each producer shall be able to choose whether to apply such exemption or not. Where this exemption is applied, no quality and weight grading may be used.

The Member State may establish, according to national law, the definition of the terms 'local public market', 'door-to-door selling' and 'region of production'.

- II. Quality and weight grading
- 1) Eggs shall be graded by quality as follows:
- Class A or 'fresh',
- Class B.
- 2. Class A eggs shall also be graded by weight. However, grading by weight shall not be required for eggs delivered to the food and non-food industry.
- 3. Class B eggs shall only be delivered to the food and non-food industry.
- III. Marking of eggs
- 1. Class A eggs shall be marked with the producer code.

Class B eggs shall be marked with the producer code and/or with another indication.

Member States may exempt Class B eggs from this requirement where those eggs are marketed exclusively on their territory.

- 2. The marking of eggs in accordance with point 1 shall take place at the production site or at the first packing centre to which eggs are delivered.
- 3. Eggs sold by the producer to the final consumer on a local public market in the region of production of the Member State concerned shall be marked in accordance with point 1.

However, Member States may exempt from this requirement producers with up to 50 laying hens, provided that the name and address of the producer are indicated at the point of sale.

Or. en

#### Amendment 345

# Proposal for a regulation Annex VI – Part VI

Text proposed by the Commission

Part VI. Spreadable fats

The products referred to in Article 60 may not be supplied or transferred without processing to the ultimate consumer either directly or through restaurants, hospitals, canteens or similar establishments, unless they meet the requirements set out in the Annex.

The sales descriptions of these products shall be those specified in this Part.

The sales descriptions below shall be reserved to the products defined therein with the following CN codes and having a fat content of at least 10% but less than 90% by weight:

- (a) milk fats falling within CN codes 0405 and ex2106;
- (b) fats falling within CN code ex1517;
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The fat content excluding salt shall be at least two-thirds of the dry matter.

However, these sales descriptions shall only apply to products which remain solid at a temperature of 20°C, and which are suitable for use as spreads.

These definitions shall not apply to:

- (a) the designation of products the exact nature of which is clear from traditional usage and/or when the designations are clearly used to describe a characteristic quality of the product;
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# II. Terminology

1. The term 'traditional' may be used together with the name 'butter' provided for in point 1 of part A of the Appendix, where the product is obtained directly from milk or cream.

For the purposes of this point, 'cream' means the product obtained from milk in the form of an emulsion of the oil-inwater type with a milk-fat content of at least 10 %.

- 2. Terms for products referred to in the Appendix which state, imply or suggest fat content other than those referred to in that Appendix shall be prohibited.
- 3. By way of derogation from paragraph 2 and in addition:
- (a) the term 'reduced-fat' may be used for products referred to in the Appendix with a fat content of more than 41 % but not more than 62 %;
- (b) the terms 'low-fat' or 'light' may be used for products referred to in the Appendix with a fat content of 41 % or less.

The term 'reduced-fat' and the terms 'low-fat' or 'light' may, however, replace respectively the terms 'three-quarter-fat'

Or. en

#### **Amendment 346**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex VII

Text proposed by the Commission

#### **ANNEX VII**

# OENOLOGICAL PRACTICES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 62

#### Part I

Enrichment, acidification and deacidification in certain wine-growing zones

[...]

- C. Acidification and de-acidification
- 1. Fresh grapes, grape must, grape must in fermentation, new wine still in fermentation and wine may be subject to:
- (a) de-acidification in wine-growing zones A, B and C I;
- (b) acidification and de-acidification in wine-growing zones C I, C II and C III (a), without prejudice to point 7 of this Section; or
- (c) acidification in wine-growing zone C III (b).
- 2. Acidification of the products, other than wine, referred to in point 1 may be carried out only up to a limit of 1,50 g/l expressed as tartaric acid, or 20 milliequivalents per litre.
- 3. Acidification of wines may be carried out only up to a limit of 2,50 g/l expressed as tartaric acid, or 33,3 milliequivalents per litre.
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tartaric acid, or 13,3 milliequivalents per litre.

- 5. Grape must intended for concentration may be partially de-acidified.
- 6. Notwithstanding point 1, in years when climatic conditions have been exceptional, Member States may authorise acidification of the products referred to in point 1 in wine-growing zones A and B, under the conditions referred to in points 2 and 3 of this Section.
- 7. Acidification and enrichment, except by way of derogation to be *adopted by the Commission by means of delegated acts pursuant to Article 59(1)*, and acidification and de-acidification of one and the same product shall be mutually exclusive processes.

# D. Processes

- 1. None of the processes referred to in Sections B and C, with the exception of the acidification and de-acidification of wines. shall be authorised unless carried out. under conditions to be determined by the Commission by means of delegated acts pursuant to Article 59(1), at the time when the fresh grapes, grape must, grape must in fermentation or new wine still in fermentation are being turned into wine or into any other wine sector beverage intended for direct human consumption other than sparkling wine or aerated sparkling wine in the wine-growing zone where the fresh grapes used were harvested.
- 2. The concentration of wines shall take place in the wine-growing zone where the fresh grapes used were harvested.
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- 7. Acidification and enrichment, except by way of derogation to be *decided in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2)*, and acidification and deacidification of one and the same product shall be mutually exclusive processes.

## D. Processes

- 1. None of the processes referred to in Sections B and C, with the exception of the acidification and de-acidification of wines, shall be authorised unless carried out at the time when the fresh grapes, grape must, grape must in fermentation or new wine still in fermentation are being turned into wine or into any other wine sector beverage intended for direct human consumption other than sparkling wine or aerated sparkling wine in the wine-growing zone where the fresh grapes used were harvested.
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- 3. Acidification and de-acidification of wines shall take place only in the wine making undertaking and in the wine-growing zone where the grapes used to produce the wine in question were harvested.

- 4. Each of the processes referred to in points 1, 2 and 3 shall be notified to the competent authorities. The same shall apply in respect of the quantities of concentrated grape must rectified concentrated grape must or sucrose held in the exercise of their profession by natural or legal persons or groups of persons, in particular producers, bottlers, processors and merchants to be determined by the Commission by means of delegated acts pursuant to Article 59(1), at the same time and in the same place as fresh grapes, grape must, grape must in fermentation or wine in bulk. The notification of these quantities may, however, be replaced by entry in a goods inwards and stock utilisation register.
- 5. Each of the processes referred to in Sections B and C shall be recorded on the accompanying document, as provided for in Article 103, under cover of which the products having undergone the processes are put into circulation.
- 6. Those processes, subject to derogations justified by exceptional climatic conditions, shall not be carried out:
- (a) in wine-growing zone C after 1 January;
- (b) in wine-growing zones A and B after 16 March, and they shall be carried out only for products of the grape harvest immediately preceding those dates.
- 7. Notwithstanding point 6, concentration by cooling and acidification and deacidification of wines may be practised throughout the year.

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#### Amendment 347

# Proposal for a regulation Annex VII a (new)

Text proposed by Parliament

# <u>ANNEX VIIa</u> OPTIONAL RESERVED TERMS

Product category (reference to Combined Nomenclature classification)	Optional reserved term	Act defining the term and conditions of use			
poultrymeat (CN 0207, CN 0210)	fed with	Regulation Article 11	(EC)	No	543/2008,
(6.1.020), 6.1.0210)	extensive indoor/barn-reared	-			
	free range	1			
	traditional free range	1			
	age at slaughter	1			
	length of fattening period	1			
eggs (CN 0407)	fresh	Regulation Article 12	(EC)	No	589/2008,
	extra or extra fresh	Regulation Article 14	(EC)	No	589/2008,
	indication on how laying hens are fed	Regulation Article 15	(EC)	No	589/2008,
honey (CN 0409)	floral or vegetable origin	Directive 2001/110/EC, Article 2			
	regional origin				
	topographic origin				
	specific quality criteria				
olive oil (CN 1509)	first cold pressing	Regulation Article 5	(EC)	No	1019/2002,
	cold extraction				
	acidity				
	pungent				
	fruity: ripe or green				
	bitter				
	intense				
	average				
	light				
	well-balanced				
	mild oil				
milk and milk products (CN 04)	traditional butter	Regulation Regulation],	(EU) Annex		
spreadable fats (CN 0405 and ex 2106, CN ex 1517, CN ex 1517 and ex 2106)	reduced-fat	Regulation (EU) No [CMO Regulation], Annex VI, Part VI			
	light				
	low-fat				

#### **Amendment 348**

Proposal for a regulation Annex VII b (new)

Text proposed by Parliament

# ANNEX VIIb

#### IMPORT DUTIES FOR RICE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES 121B AND 121D

- 1. Import duties for husked rice
- (a) EUR 30 per tonne in the following cases:
- (i) where it is noted that the imports of husked rice made over the course of the marketing year just ended did not reach the annual reference quantity referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 121b(3), less 15%;
- (ii) where it is noted that the imports of husked rice made over the course of the first six months of the marketing year do not reach the partial reference quantity referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 121b(3), less 15%;
- (b) EUR 42,5 per tonne in the following cases:
- (i) where it is noted that the imports of husked rice made over the course of the marketing year just ended exceed the annual reference quantity referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 121b(3), less 15%, but do not exceed that same annual reference quantity plus 15%;
- (ii) where it is noted that the imports of husked rice made in the first six months of the marketing year exceed the partial reference quantity referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 121b(3), less 15%, but do not exceed that same partial reference quantity plus 15%;
- (c) EUR 65 per tonne in the following cases:
- (i) where it is noted that the imports of husked rice made over the course of the marketing year just ended exceed the annual reference quantity referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 121b(3), plus 15%;
- (ii) where it is noted that the imports of husked rice made over the course of the first six months of the marketing year exceed the partial reference quantity referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 121b(3), plus 15%.

- 2. Import duties for milled rice
- (a) EUR 175 per tonne in the following cases:
- (i) where it is noted that imports of semi-milled and wholly-milled rice during the marketing year just ended exceed 387 743 tonnes;
- (ii) where it is noted that imports of semi-milled and wholly-milled rice during the first six months of the marketing year exceed 182 239 tonnes;
- (b) EUR 145 per tonne in the following cases:
- (i) where it is noted that imports of semi-milled and wholly-milled rice during the marketing year just ended do not exceed 387 743 tonnes;
- (ii) where it is noted that imports of semi-milled and wholly-milled rice during the first six months of the marketing year do not exceed 182 239 tonnes.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 349**

Proposal for a regulation Annex VII c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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ANNEX VIIc

VARIETIES OF BASMATI RICE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 121d

Basmati 217

Basmati 370

Basmati 386

Kernel (Basmati)

Pusa Basmati

Ranbir Basmati

Super Basmati

Taraori Basmati (HBC-19)

Type-3 (Dehradun)

Or. en

