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## OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014, (EU) No 258/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) 2017/826 (COM(2018)0441 – C8-0254/2018 – 2018/0231(COD))

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## AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

### Amendment 1

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Recital 2

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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### Amendment 2

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Recital 3

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) The substantial body of Union legislation underpins the functioning of the internal market. This concerns, in particular, competitiveness, standardisation, consumer protection, market surveillance and food chain regulation but also rules concerning business, trade and financial transactions and the promotion of fair competition providing for a level playing field essential for the functioning of the internal market.

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market.

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#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Recital 6

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) The development, production and dissemination of European statistics are subject to a separate European Statistical Programme established by Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>47</sup>. In order to provide continuity of producing and disseminating European statistics, the new programme should also include activities covered by the European Statistical Programme by providing a framework for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. The new programme should establish the financial framework for European statistics to provide high-quality, comparable and reliable statistics on Europe in order to underpin the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all Union policies.

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### Proposal for a regulation Recital 9

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) A modern internal market promotes competition and benefits consumers, businesses and employees. Making better use of the ever evolving internal market in services should help European businesses create jobs and grow across borders, offer wider choice of services at better prices, and maintain high standards for consumers and workers. To achieve this, the Programme should contribute to the removal of remaining barriers, and to ensure a regulatory framework that can accommodate new innovative business models.

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### Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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lawfully marketed in one Member State enjoy the right to free movement and can be sold in another Member State. However, inadequate application of mutual recognition makes it harder for companies to access markets in other Member States. Despite the high degree of market integration in the area of goods, this leads to lost opportunities for the economy at large. The Programme should therefore aim to improve the application of mutual recognition in the area of goods and to reduce the number of illegal and non-compliant goods entering the market.

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## Amendment 7

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(11) New regulatory and enforcement challenges relate to a rapidly changing environment of the digital revolution, concerning issues such as cybersecurity, internet of things or artificial intelligence. Should damage occur, stringent rules on product safety and liability are essential to ensure a policy response that allows European citizens, including consumers and businesses, to benefit from such rules. The Programme should therefore contribute to the rapid adaptation and enforcement of a Union product liability regime which fosters innovation.

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### Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

(12) Placing on the market of products that are not compliant with Union law puts those who comply at disadvantage and may endanger consumers. Many entrepreneurs disregard the rules either through lack of knowledge or intentionally to gain a competitive advantage. Market surveillance authorities are often underfunded and constrained by national boundaries, while entrepreneurs trade at Union or even global level. In particular, in the case of e-commerce, market surveillance authorities have great difficulties in tracing non-compliant products imported from third countries and identifying the responsible entity within their jurisdiction. The Programme should therefore seek to strengthen product compliance by providing the right incentives to entrepreneurs, intensifying compliance checks and promoting closer cross-border cooperation among enforcement authorities. The Programme should also contribute to the consolidation of the existing framework for market surveillance activities, encourage joint actions of market surveillance authorities from different Member States, improve the exchange of information and promote convergence and closer integration of market surveillance activities.

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## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) In order to meet the objectives of the Programme and to facilitate the lives of citizens and businesses, high-quality user-centric public services need to be put in place. This implies that public administrations will need to start working in new ways, bring down silos between the different parts of their administrations, and to engage in the co-creation of these public services with citizens and businesses. Moreover, the continuous and steady increase of cross-border activities in the internal market requires provision of up-to-date information on the rights of businesses and citizens, but also information explaining the administrative formalities. In addition, provision of legal advice and helping to solve problems which occur at cross national level becomes essential. Furthermore, connecting national administrations in a simple and efficient manner as well as evaluating how the internal market works on the ground is necessary. The Programme should therefore support the following existing internal market governance tools: the Your Europe Portal which should be a backbone of the upcoming Single Digital Gateway, Your Europe Advice, SOLVIT, the Internal Market Information system and the Single Market Scoreboard in order to improve citizens' daily lives and businesses' ability to trade across borders.

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(16) In order to meet the objectives of the Programme and to facilitate the lives of citizens and businesses, high-quality user-centric public services need to be put in place *in all fields*. This implies that public administrations will need to start working in new ways, bring down silos between the different parts of their administrations, and to engage in the co-creation of these public services with citizens and businesses *at local, regional, cross-border and national level and ensuring more accessible government websites where essential information can be more easily found (AM61, ECR)*. Moreover, the continuous and steady increase of cross-border activities in the internal market requires *the regular* provision of up-to-date information on the rights *and obligations* of businesses and citizens, but also information explaining the administrative formalities *and taxes inherent in the respective activities*. In addition, provision of legal advice and helping to solve problems which occur at cross national level becomes essential. Furthermore, connecting *regional and* national administrations, *where appropriate*, in a simple and efficient manner as well as evaluating how the internal market works on the ground is necessary. The Programme should therefore support the following existing internal market governance tools: the Your Europe Portal



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#### Recital 18

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(18) The Programme should also promote the correct and full implementation and application of the Union legal framework for anti-money laundering and countering terrorism financing by the Member States and the development of future policies to address new challenges in the field. It should also support the relevant activities of the international organisations of European interest, such as the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism of the Council of Europe.

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### Proposal for a regulation

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##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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(23) SMEs share common challenges that do not affect larger firms to the same extent to obtain finance, to find skilled work force, to alleviate administrative burden, to take-up creativity and innovation, to access markets and foster internationalisation activities. ***Special attention should be paid to SMEs in regions with constraints, such as mountain areas and the outermost regions, where SMEs are the only source of economic activity and employment.*** The Programme should address such market failures proportionally, while not unduly distorting competition in the internal market.

## Amendment 14

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#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(24) Many of the Union's competitiveness problems involve SMEs' difficulties in obtaining access to finance because they struggle to demonstrate their credit-worthiness and have insufficient collateral. Additional financing challenges arise from SMEs' need to stay competitive by engaging e.g. in digitization, internationalization and innovation activities and skilling up their workforce.

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### Proposal for a regulation Recital 27

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) The Programme should provide effective support for SMEs throughout their life-cycle. It should build on the unique knowledge and expertise developed with regard to SMEs and industrial sectors and on a long experience in working with European, national and regional stakeholders. This support should build on the successful experience of the Enterprise Europe Network as a one-stop-shop to improve SMEs competitiveness and develop their business in the Single Market and beyond. The Network plans to continue delivering services on behalf of other Union programmes, notably for the Horizon2020 programme, using the financial resources of these programmes. Also the mentoring scheme for new entrepreneurs should remain the tool to enable new or aspiring entrepreneurs to gain business experience by matching with an experienced entrepreneur from another country and thus allow strengthening entrepreneurial talents. The Programme should further strive to grow and extend its geographical coverage and thus offer wider range of matching possibilities to entrepreneurs in complementarity with other Union initiatives where relevant.

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(27) The Programme should provide effective support for SMEs throughout their life-cycle, ***without any gender discrimination and with a focus on encouraging young people from rural areas to pursue entrepreneurial activities and hence prevent rural depopulation.*** It should build on the unique knowledge and expertise developed with regard to SMEs and industrial sectors and on a long experience in working with European, national and regional stakeholders. This support should build on the successful experience of the Enterprise Europe Network as a one-stop-shop to improve SMEs competitiveness and develop their business in the Single Market and beyond. The Network plans to continue delivering services on behalf of other Union programmes, notably for the Horizon2020 programme, using the financial resources of these programmes. Also the mentoring scheme for new entrepreneurs should remain the tool to enable new or aspiring entrepreneurs to gain business experience by matching with an experienced entrepreneur from another country and thus allow strengthening entrepreneurial talents. The Programme should further strive to grow and extend its geographical coverage and thus offer wider range of matching possibilities to entrepreneurs in complementarity with other Union

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### Proposal for a regulation Recital 44

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(44) A high level of health protection through the food supply chain is necessary to allow the internal market to operate efficiently. A safe and sustainable food supply chain is a prerequisite for society and for the internal market. Cross border health crises and food scares disrupt the functioning of the internal market by limiting the movements of persons and goods and disrupting production.

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## Amendment 18

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 45

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(45) The general objective of Union law in the food chain area is to contribute to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain, to support the improvement of the welfare of animals, to contribute to a high level of protection and information for consumers and a high level of protection of the environment, including the preservation of biodiversity,

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## Amendment 19

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 46

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(46) Considering the specific nature of the actions concerning a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain special eligibility criteria concerning provision of grants and use of public procurement need to be provided in this Regulation. In particular, by way of derogation from Regulation (EU, Euratom) of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>61</sup> (the 'Financial Regulation'), as an exception to the principle of non-retroactivity, the costs for the emergency measures, due to their urgent and unforeseeable nature, should be eligible and include also costs incurred as a result of a suspected occurrence of a disease or pest provided that that occurrence is subsequently confirmed and notified to the Commission. The corresponding budgetary commitments and the payment of eligible expenditure should be made by the Commission, after signature of the legal commitments and after assessment of the payment applications submitted by the Member States. Costs should also be eligible for protection measures taken in the case of a direct threat to the status of health in the Union as a result of the occurrence or development, in the territory of a third

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<sup>61</sup> [to add]

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<sup>61</sup> [to add]

## Amendment 20

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 47

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(47) Official controls carried out by the Member States are an essential tool for verifying and monitoring that relevant Union requirements are being implemented, complied with and enforced. The effectiveness and efficiency of official control systems is vital for maintaining a high level of safety for humans, animals and plants along the food chain whilst ensuring a high level of protection of the environment and of animal welfare. Union financial support should be made available for such control measures. In particular, a financial contribution should be available to Union reference laboratories in order to help them bear the costs arising from the implementation of work programmes approved by the Commission. Moreover, since the effectiveness of official controls also depends on the availability to the control authorities of well trained staff with an appropriate knowledge of Union law, the Union should be able to contribute to their training and relevant exchange programmes organised by competent authorities.

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(47) ***In view of an increasingly globalised agricultural and food supply chain,*** official controls carried out by the Member States are an essential tool for verifying and monitoring that relevant Union requirements are being implemented, complied with and enforced, ***in particular with regard to imported agricultural and food products.*** The effectiveness and efficiency of official control systems is vital for maintaining a high level of safety for humans, animals and plants along the food chain whilst ensuring a high level of protection of the environment and of animal welfare. Union financial support should be made available for such control measures. In particular, a financial contribution should be available to Union reference laboratories in order to help them bear the costs arising from the implementation of work programmes approved by the Commission. Moreover, since the effectiveness of official controls also depends on the availability to the control authorities of well trained staff with an appropriate knowledge of Union law,

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### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 70

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(70) Finally, food chain actions such as veterinary and phytosanitary measures in case of animal and plant health crises could be complemented by market based interventions from the Union's Common Agriculture Policy programming established by Regulation (EU) [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>78</sup>.

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<sup>78</sup> COM(2018) 393 final.

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<sup>78</sup> COM(2018) 393 final.

## Amendment 22

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 76

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(76) ***The*** list of animal diseases and zoonosis which qualify for funding under emergency measures and for funding under the eradication, control and surveillance programmes should be established on the basis of animal diseases referred to in Chapter 2 of Part I of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>81</sup>, Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>82</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>83</sup>.

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(76) ***An open*** list of animal diseases and zoonosis which qualify for funding under emergency measures and for funding under the eradication, control and surveillance programmes should be established on the basis of animal diseases referred to in Chapter 2 of Part I of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>81</sup>, Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>82</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>83</sup>.



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<sup>81</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') (OJ L 84, 31.03.2016, p. 1).

<sup>82</sup> Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the control of Salmonella and other specified food-borne zoonotic agents (OJ L 325, 12.12.2003, p. 1).

<sup>83</sup> Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (OJ L 147, 31.05.2001, p. 1).

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## **Amendment 23**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 77 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(77 a) It is important to be aware of the effect of extreme climatic events in the various Member States regarding the spread of pests and animal diseases and impact of climate change in the Member States, leading to an increasingly wide range of potential threats that must not be treated as a derogation from the norm but be accepted as the reality at European level.***

## **Amendment 24**

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

**(85a) Care must be taken to avoid submitting proposals requiring new, unnecessary bureaucratic measures in order to assess common objectives. We must avoid, for example, requiring the Member States to count the successfully-implemented national veterinary and phytosanitary programmes or to develop an index for this purpose. Such numbers do not accurately reflect the success of a Member State's disease prevention strategy or its compliance with EU-level strategies and thus would provide false data.**

## Amendment 25

### Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

This Regulation establishes the programme for *improving the functioning of* the internal market and *the* competitiveness of enterprises, *including* micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and the framework for financing of development, production and dissemination of European statistics *within the meaning of Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009* (the 'Programme').

*Amendment*

This Regulation establishes the *Single Market* programme for *strengthening* the internal market and *improving its functioning in the fields of* competitiveness of enterprises, *especially* micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, *agricultural and food supply chain* and the framework for financing of development, production and dissemination of European statistics (the 'Programme').

## Amendment 26

### Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

(a) to improve the functioning of the internal market, *promoting the territorial cohesion* and especially to protect and empower citizens, consumers and

medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by enforcement of Union law, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by ***promoting*** human, animal and plant health and animal welfare; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

businesses, in particular micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), by ***supporting their sustainability***, enforcement of Union law, ***guaranteeing a level playing field***, facilitation of market access, standard setting, and by ***protecting and strengthening*** human, animal and plant health and animal welfare ***and respect for the environment***; as well as to enhance cooperation between the competent authorities of Member States and between the competent authorities of Member States and the Commission and the decentralised Union agencies;

## Amendment 27

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) to provide high-quality, comparable and reliable statistics on Europe which underpin the design, monitoring and evaluation of all the Union policies and help policy makers, businesses, academia, citizens and media to make informed decisions and actively participate in the democratic process.

##### *Amendment*

(b) to provide ***the latest*** high-quality, comparable and reliable statistics on Europe ***that are harmonised between all Member States and their respective national and regional statistics bodies***, which underpin the design, monitoring and evaluation of all the Union policies and help policy makers, businesses, academia, ***unions***, citizens and media to make informed decisions and actively participate in the democratic process.

## Amendment 28

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point a

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) making the internal market more effective, facilitating the prevention and removal of obstacles, supporting the development, implementation and enforcement of the Union law in the areas of the internal market for goods and

##### *Amendment*

(a) making the internal market more effective, facilitating the prevention and removal of obstacles, ***including geographical barriers in the outermost regions***, supporting the development, implementation and enforcement of the

services, public procurement, market surveillance as well as in the areas of company law and contract and extra-contractual law, anti-money laundering, **free movement of capital, financial services** and competition, including the development of governance tools;

Union law in the areas of the internal market for goods and services, public procurement, market surveillance as well as in the areas of company law and contract and extra-contractual law, anti-money laundering, **measure to prevent fraud and tax evasion** free movement of capital, financial services and competition, including the development of governance tools;

## Amendment 29

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point b

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) improving the competitiveness of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry and the promotion of entrepreneurship;

*Amendment*

(b) improving the competitiveness of enterprises with special emphasis on SMEs and achieving additionality through the provision of measures that provide various forms of support to SMEs, access to markets including the internationalisation of SMEs, favourable business environment for SMEs, the competitiveness of sectors, the modernisation of industry and the promotion of **market transparency and entrepreneurship, with the focus on entrepreneurship among women and young people from rural areas, so as to enable them to stay in such areas and prevent rural depopulation**;

## Amendment 30

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3. – paragraph 2 – point c – point ii

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(ii) support the development of high-quality international financial reporting and auditing standards, facilitate their integration into the Union law and promote the innovation and development of best practices in corporate reporting;

*Amendment*

(ii) support the development of high-quality international financial reporting and auditing standards, facilitate their integration into the Union law and promote the innovation and development of best practices **and transparency** in corporate

reporting;

## Amendment 31

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point d – point i

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(i) empowering, assisting and educating consumers, businesses and civil society; ensuring a high level of consumer protection, sustainable consumption and product safety notably by supporting competent enforcement authorities and consumer representative organisations and cooperation actions; ensuring that all consumers have access to redress and; provision of adequate information on markets **and** consumers;

##### *Amendment*

(i) empowering, assisting, **informing** and educating consumers, businesses, **unions** and civil society, **through accessible government websites, for example**; ensuring a high level of consumer protection, sustainable consumption and product safety notably by supporting competent enforcement authorities and consumer representative organisations and cooperation actions **between Member States and at international level, as well as exchanges of good practice and information to shield European products on the internal market against all unfair competition from outside**, ensuring that all consumers have access to **arbitration and** redress and; provision of adequate information on markets, consumers **and conflict resolution methods**;

## Amendment 32

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point d – point ii

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(ii) enhancing the participation of consumers, other financial services end-users and civil society in financial services policy-making; promoting a better understanding of the financial sector;

##### *Amendment*

(ii) enhancing the participation of consumers, other financial services end-users, **trade unions** and civil society in financial services policy-making; promoting a better understanding of the financial sector;

## Amendment 33

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) contributing to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the **food** chain and in related areas, including by preventing and eradicating diseases and pests, and to support the improvement of the welfare of animals as well as a sustainable **food** production and consumption;

*Amendment*

(e) contributing to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the **agricultural and food supply** chain and in related areas, including by preventing and eradicating diseases and pests, **also by means of emergency measures in the event of large-scale crisis situations and unforeseeable events affecting animal or plant health**, and to support the improvement of the welfare of animals as well as a sustainable **agri-food** production and consumption **at affordable prices, reducing food waste, raising consumer awareness and capitalising on the benefits of the circular economy; thereby focusing on stimulating research, innovation and the exchange of best practices between stakeholders in all the above mentioned fields;**

## Amendment 34

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point e a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(ea) **to help create a propitious environment for the launching of new SMEs in disadvantaged regions such as mountainous areas and the outermost regions by ensuring that 10% of all available financial resources are allocated to such regions.**

## Amendment 35

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 3 – paragraph 2 – point f

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(f) producing and communicating high quality statistics on Europe in a timely, impartial and cost-efficient manner, through enhanced partnerships within the European Statistical System referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 and with all relevant external parties, using multiple data sources, advanced data analytics methods, smart systems and digital technologies.

*Amendment*

(f) producing and communicating high quality statistics on Europe in a timely, impartial and cost-efficient manner, through enhanced partnerships within the European Statistical System referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 and with all relevant external parties, ***involving effective collaboration with statistics bodies in the Member States*** using multiple data sources, advanced data analytics methods, smart systems and digital technologies ***and pooling resources in order to obtain information that is reliable and as up to date as possible.***

**Amendment 36**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 4 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 to 2027 shall be EUR **4 088 580 000** in current prices.

*Amendment*

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 to 2027 shall be EUR **4 608 580 000** in current prices.

**Amendment 37**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) EUR **1 680 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e);

*Amendment*

(c) EUR **2 200 000 000** to the objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e);

**Amendment 38**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 4 – paragraph 5 a (new)**

**5 a.** *A specific mechanism should be introduced for direct food chain access to the Commission's crisis reserve in case of large-scale emergencies, in order to guarantee financing for the measures set out in Article 3(2)(e).*

## Amendment 39

### Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme. The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

Amendment

6. Resources allocated to Member States under shared management may, at their request, be transferred to the Programme ***only in cases where commitments made are not implemented. At no time should the remaining jointly managed programmes be undermined by cuts to their budget.*** The Commission shall implement those resources directly in accordance with point (a) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation or indirectly in accordance with point (c) of that Article. Where possible those resources shall be used for the benefit of the Member State concerned.

## Amendment 40

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**(ia)** *seeks to ensure the harmonisation of European legislation and compliance with it;*

## Amendment 41



**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 6 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants, prizes and procurement. It may also provide financing in the form of financial instruments within blending operations.

*Amendment*

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, in particular grants, prizes and procurement. It may also provide financing in the form of financial instruments within blending operations ***by providing access to multiple financing programmes.***

**Amendment 42**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 7 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation.

*Amendment*

Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation. ***The Commission shall publish work programmes adopted for each of the specific objectives referred in Article 2 (2) specifying the amount of grants to be allocated.***

*Justification*

*This is a consolidated practice in the management of the EU programmes.*

**Amendment 43**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market, including businesses, citizens and consumers, civil society and public authorities through transparent information and awareness raising campaigns, best

*Amendment*

(a) creation of the right conditions to empower all actors of the internal market, including businesses, ***trade unions***, citizens and consumers, civil society and public authorities through transparent information and awareness raising

practice exchange, promotion of good practices, exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and organization of trainings;

campaigns, best practice exchange, promotion of good practices, exchange and dissemination of expertise and knowledge and organization of trainings;

#### **Amendment 44**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) provision of mechanisms for citizens, consumers, end-users, civil society and businesses representatives from the Union to contribute to political discussions, policies and decision making process, notably by supporting the functioning of representative organisations at national and the Union level;

*Amendment*

(b) provision of mechanisms for citizens, **workers**, consumers, end-users, civil society and businesses representatives from the Union to contribute to political discussions, policies and decision making process, notably by supporting the functioning of representative organisations at national and the Union level;

#### **Amendment 45**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point c a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(ca) eliminating market barriers, administrative burdens and the costs of insularity and remoteness from the European market in the outermost regions and creating a favourable business environment for SMEs to benefit from the internal market;***

#### **Amendment 46**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 8 – paragraph 3 – point f**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(f) fostering an entrepreneurial business environment and entrepreneurial culture, including the mentoring scheme

*Amendment*

(f) fostering an entrepreneurial business environment and entrepreneurial culture, ***especially among women and***

for new entrepreneurs and supporting start-ups, business sustainability and scale-ups.

*young people, with the focus on young people in rural areas, including the mentoring scheme for new entrepreneurs and supporting start-ups, business sustainability and scale-ups **and the creation of new services; focusing on the development of business initiatives such as ‘Junior Enterprises’ in a university environment and recognition of this concept at European level.***

#### **Amendment 47**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 9 – paragraph 2 – point a – point i**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(i) a Member State **or** an overseas country or territory linked to it;

*Amendment*

(i) a Member State, an overseas country or territory linked to it **or an outermost region;**

#### **Amendment 48**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 9 – paragraph 7 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) national statistical institutes and other national authorities as referred to in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009;

*Amendment*

(a) national statistical institutes **and their regional counterparts where they exist** and other national authorities as referred to in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009;

#### **Amendment 49**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point h**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(h) for actions implementing the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(f) of this Regulation, the national statistical institutes and other national

*Amendment*

(h) for actions implementing the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(f) of this Regulation, the national **and regional** statistical institutes and other

authorities referred to in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009.

national authorities referred to in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009.

## Amendment 50

### Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Work programmes *implementing* the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e) as set out in Annex *I shall be adopted by the Commission by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 21(2).*

*Amendment*

2. *The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts pursuant to Article 20, supplementing this Regulation by adopting work programmes in accordance with the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e) as set out in Annex.*

## Amendment 51

### Proposal for a regulation Article 22 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, *and* its actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, *in order to raise awareness among consumers, citizens, businesses, especially in the agricultural and food supply chain, about the resources provided through the financial instruments of this Regulation, as well as about* its actions and results. Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.

## Amendment 52

### Proposal for a regulation Article 22 – paragraph 3

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*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission (EUROSTAT) shall implement information and communication activities relating to implementation of the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(f), its actions and results when they pertain to the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, in compliance with the statistical principles laid down in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission (EUROSTAT) shall implement information and communication activities relating to implementation of the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(f), its actions and results when they pertain to **harmonisation of the matters being studied**, the development, production and dissemination of European statistics, in compliance with the statistical principles laid down in Regulation (EC) No 223/2009.

**Amendment 53**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point 1.2 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) measures to eradicate a Union quarantine pest, taken by the competent authority of a Member State pursuant to Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>105</sup> or pursuant to the Union measures adopted in accordance with Article 28(1) of that Regulation;

*Amendment*

(a) measures to **prevent, contain and/or** eradicate a Union quarantine pest, taken by the competent authority of a Member State pursuant to Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>105</sup> or pursuant to the Union measures adopted in accordance with Article 28(1) of that Regulation;

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<sup>105</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2016 on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC (OJ L 317, 23.11.2016, p. 4).

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<sup>105</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2016 on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC (OJ L 317, 23.11.2016, p. 4).

### *Justification*

*It is vital to ensure that prevention and containment measures are eligible in the same way that eradication measures are.*

## **Amendment 54**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point 1.2 – point b**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(b) measures to eradicate a pest, not listed as Union quarantine pests, taken by the competent authority of a Member State pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and which may qualify as Union quarantine pests in accordance with the criteria referred to in that Article or Article 30(1) of that Regulation;

##### *Amendment*

(b) measures to ***prevent, contain and/or*** eradicate a pest, not listed as Union quarantine pests, taken by the competent authority of a Member State pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and which may qualify as Union quarantine pests in accordance with the criteria referred to in that Article or Article 30(1) of that Regulation;

### *Justification*

*It is vital to ensure that prevention and containment measures are eligible in the same way that eradication measures are.*

## **Amendment 55**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point 1.2 – point c**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) additional protective measures taken against the spread of a pest, against which Union measures have been adopted pursuant to Article 28(1) and Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, other than the ***eradication*** measures referred to in ***point (a) of this point and the containment measures referred to in point (b) of this point***, where those measures are essential to protect the Union against further spread of that pest.

##### *Amendment*

(c) additional protective measures taken against the spread of a pest, against which Union measures have been adopted pursuant to Article 28(1) and Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, other than the measures referred to in ***points (a) and (b) of this point***, where those measures are essential to protect the Union against further spread of that pest, ***restricting where necessary the free movement of carriers in the surrounding Member States.***

## **Amendment 56**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point 1.2 – point c a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ca) measures to eradicate a pest that has suddenly appeared, even if it is not considered a Union quarantine pest but the result of extreme climatic events or climate change in a Member State;*

## **Amendment 57**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point 1.3 – point 1.3.4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1.3.4 a. In the event of a suspected outbreak of an animal disease and/or the appearance of harmful organisms, checks and monitoring will need to be greatly intensified throughout the EU within the Union or/and at its external borders;*

## **Amendment 58**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point 1.3 – point 1.3.4 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1.3.4 b. Measures to monitor the appearance of known as well as currently unknown pests and diseases.*

## **Amendment 59**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point 2.1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2.1. Annual and multiannual veterinary and phytosanitary programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses listed in Annex III and of plant pests have to be implemented in compliance with the provisions laid down in the relevant Union law.

2.1. Annual and multiannual veterinary and phytosanitary programmes for the **prevention**, eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses listed in Annex III and of plant pests have to be implemented in compliance with the provisions laid down in the relevant Union law.

**Amendment 60**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point 2.1 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***These programmes should reflect the new realities caused by climate change and the diversity thereof at European level; they should also help prevent the erosion of European biodiversity.***

**Amendment 61**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point 2.3 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) measures to eradicate a Union quarantine pest, taken by the competent authority of a Member State pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 or pursuant to the Union measures adopted in accordance with Article 28(1) of that Regulation;

(c) measures to **prevent, contain and/or** eradicate a Union quarantine pest, taken by the competent authority of a Member State pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 or pursuant to the Union measures adopted in accordance with Article 28(1) of that Regulation;

*Justification*

*It is vital to ensure that prevention and containment measures are eligible in the same way that eradication measures are.*

**Amendment 62**



## Proposal for a regulation

### Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point 2.3 – point d

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) measures to eradicate a pest, not listed as Union quarantine pests, taken by the competent authority of a Member State pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and which may qualify as Union quarantine pests in accordance with the criteria referred to in that Article or Article 30(1) of that Regulation;

#### *Amendment*

(d) measures to **prevent, contain and/or** eradicate a pest, not listed as Union quarantine pests, taken by the competent authority of a Member State pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and which may qualify as Union quarantine pests in accordance with the criteria referred to in that Article or Article 30(1) of that Regulation;

#### *Justification*

*It is vital to ensure that prevention and containment measures are eligible in the same way that eradication measures are.*

## Amendment 63

## Proposal for a regulation

### Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point 2.3 – point e

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(e) additional protective measures taken against the spread of a pest, against which Union measures have been adopted pursuant to Articles 28(1) and 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, other than the **eradication** measures referred to in **point (c) of this point and the containment measures referred to in point (d)** of this point, where those measures are essential to protect the Union against further spread of that pest;

#### *Amendment*

(e) additional protective measures taken against the spread of a pest, against which Union measures have been adopted pursuant to Articles 28(1) and 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, other than the measures referred to in **points (c) and (d)** of this point, where those measures are essential to protect the Union against further spread of that pest;

#### *Justification*

*This is a technical amendment, the purpose of which is to bring the text into line in the light of the amendments calling for prevention and containment measures to be eligible in the same way that eradication measures are.*

## Amendment 64

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Activities to support the improvement of the welfare of animals.

*Amendment*

3. Activities to support the improvement of the welfare of animals, ***including measures to ensure compliance with animal welfare standards and traceability including during animal transport.***

## Amendment 65

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 7

*Text proposed by the Commission*

7. Activities supporting ***a*** sustainable food ***production and consumption.***

*Amendment*

7. Activities supporting ***agroecological production***, sustainable food ***consumption, which does not cause harm to the environment and biodiversity, and promotion of direct sales and short supply chains.***

## Amendment 66

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 11

*Text proposed by the Commission*

11. Technical and scientific work, including studies and coordination activities, necessary to ensure the correct implementation of the legislation in the area related to the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e) and the adaptation of that legislation to scientific, technological and societal developments.

*Amendment*

11. Technical and scientific work, including studies and coordination activities, necessary ***to safeguard prevention of the appearance of new as well as unknown pests and diseases and*** to ensure the correct implementation of the legislation in the area related to the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e) and the adaptation of that legislation to scientific, technological and societal developments.

## Amendment 67

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 14

*Text proposed by the Commission*

14. Support to information and awareness raising initiatives by the Union and Member States aimed at ensuring improved, compliant and sustainable food production and consumption, including food waste and food fraud prevention activities, within the implementation of the rules in the area of the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e).

*Amendment*

14. Support to information and awareness raising initiatives by the Union and Member States aimed at ensuring improved, compliant and sustainable food production and consumption, including food waste ***prevention contributing to the circular economy***, and food fraud prevention activities, within the implementation of the rules in the area of the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e).

## Amendment 68

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Annex I – paragraph 1 – subparagraph -1 (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Interaction between the various European programmes and funds and the Single Market Programme must be ensured to an ever-increasing extent.***

## Amendment 69

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Annex II – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The implementation of Union policies requires high-quality, comparable and reliable statistical information about the economic, social, territorial and environmental situation in the Union. Additionally, European statistics allow European citizens to understand and to participate in the democratic process and debate about the present state and future of

*Amendment*

The implementation of Union policies requires high-quality, ***updated*** comparable and reliable statistical information about the economic, social, territorial and environmental situation in the Union. Additionally, European statistics allow European citizens to understand and to participate in the democratic process and debate about the present state and future of

the Union.

the Union.

## Amendment 70

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – indent 13

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

- monitoring the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

#### *Amendment*

- monitoring the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) **and the Paris Climate Agreement;**

## Amendment 71

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – indent 18

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

- providing timely and relevant data for the needs of the Common Agricultural Policy, Common Fisheries policy and policies related to the environment, food security and animal welfare.

#### *Amendment*

- providing timely and relevant data for the needs of the Common Agricultural Policy (**including information from the Milk Market Observatory, which is needed more promptly**) , Common Fisheries policy and policies related to the environment, food security and animal welfare.

## Amendment 72

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – indent 19

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

- providing timely and comprehensive statistical indicators on regions, **including** the Union outermost regions, cities and rural areas to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of territorial development policies, and to evaluate the territorial impacts of sectoral policies;

#### *Amendment*

- providing timely and comprehensive statistical indicators on regions, the Union outermost regions, cities and rural areas to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of territorial development policies, and to evaluate the territorial impacts of sectoral policies;

## **Amendment 73**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex III**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*List of animal diseases and zoonoses*

*deleted*

- (1) African horse sickness*
- (2) African swine fever*
- (3) Anthrax*
- (4) Avian influenza (highly pathogenic),*
- (5) Avian influenza (low pathogenic)*
- (6) Campylobacteriosis*
- (7) Classical swine fever*
- (8) Foot-and-mouth disease*
- (9) Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia*
- (10) Glanders*
- (11) Infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24),*
- (12) Infection with Brucella abortus, B. melitensis and B. suis*
- (13) Infection with epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus*
- (14) Infection with lumpy skin disease virus*
- (15) Infection with Mycoplasma mycoides subsp. mycoides SC (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia),*
- (16) Infection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (M. bovis, M. caprae and M. tuberculosis)*
- (17) Infection with Newcastle disease virus*
- (18) Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus*
- (19) Infection with rabies virus*
- (20) Infection with Rift Valley fever*

*virus*

- (21) *Infection with rinderpest virus*
- (22) *Infection with zoonotic Salmonella serovars*
- (23) *Infestation with Echinococcus spp*
- (24) *Listeriosis*
- (25) *Sheep pox and goat pox*
- (26) *Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies*
- (27) *Trichinellosis*
- (28) *Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis*
- (29) *Verotoxigenic E. coli*

#### **Amendment 74**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Annex III a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### **ANNEX IIIa**

##### ***List of animal diseases and zoonoses***

***The list of animal diseases and zoonoses covers:***

***(a) the list of diseases drawn up pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Regulation 2016/429;***

***(b) salmonella, zoonoses and zoonotic agents covered by Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 and Directive 2003/99/EC;***

***(c) transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.***

#### ***Justification***

*This amendment seeks to ensure that account is taken of the review of the list of diseases drawn up under Regulation 2016/429 which may be updated by the Commission, and be extended to cover salmonella, zoonoses and zoonotic agents.*

## **Amendment 75**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex IV a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### **ANNEX IVa**

***Objectives laid down in Article 3(2)(e)***

- 1) Number of successfully implemented national veterinary and phytosanitary programmes.***
- 2) Number of emergencies caused by pests successfully resolved;***
- 3) Number of emergencies caused by diseases successfully resolved;***

## **Amendment 76**

### **Proposal for a regulation Annex IV b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### **ANNEX IVa**

***Objectives laid down in Article  
3(2)(d)(i)(ii)***

- 1. Consumer condition index.***
- 2. Reducing the number of alerts in the Rapid Alert System;***
- 3. Number of position papers and responses to public consultations in the field of financial services from beneficiaries.***

## PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>Title</b>	Establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics						
<b>References</b>	COM(2018)0441 – C8-0254/2018 – 2018/0231(COD)						
<b>Committee responsible</b> Date announced in plenary	IMCO 14.6.2018						
<b>Opinion by</b> Date announced in plenary	AGRI 14.6.2018						
<b>Associated committees - date announced in plenary</b>	5.7.2018						
<b>Rapporteur</b> Date appointed	Sofia Ribeiro 4.7.2018						
<b>Date adopted</b>	14.1.2019						
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<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	John Stuart Agnew, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Nicola Caputo, Matt Carthy, Jacques Colombier, Paolo De Castro, Albert Deß, Herbert Dorfmann, Norbert Erdős, Luke Ming Flanagan, Martin Häusling, Esther Herranz García, Jan Huitema, Peter Jahr, Jarosław Kalinowski, Norbert Lins, Philippe Loiseau, Mairead McGuinness, Giulia Moi, Ulrike Müller, James Nicholson, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Marc Tarabella, Maria Gabriela Zoană, Marco Zullo						
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Franc Bogovič, Angélique Delahaye, Anthea McIntyre, Momchil Nekov, Sofia Ribeiro, Hilde Vautmans, Thomas Waitz						
<b>Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b>	Tilly Metz						



## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Ulrike Müller, Hilde Vautmans
ECR	Anthea McIntyre, James Nicholson
EFDD	Marco Zullo
GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan
PPE	Franc Bogovič, Angélique Delahaye, Albert Deß, Herbert Dorfmann, Norbert Erdős, Esther Herranz García, Peter Jahr, Jarosław Kalinowski, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness, Marijana Petir, Sofia Ribeiro, Czesław Adam Siekierski
S&D	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Eric Andrieu, Nicola Caputo, Paolo De Castro, Momchil Nekov, Maria Noichl, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Marc Tarabella, Maria Gabriela Zoană
VERTS/ALE	Martin Häusling, Tilly Metz, Thomas Waitz

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EFDD	John Stuart Agnew
ENF	Jacques Colombier, Philippe Loiseau
GUE/NGL	Matt Carthy, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

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ALDE	Jan Huitema
EFDD	Giulia Moi

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- : against

0 : abstention