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to the Commission**

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Subject: Financial correction for agriculture in Italy

The Commission declares that the Paying Agency for Agriculture (AGEA) failed to submit within the appropriate time limits over 55 000 dossiers for farmers who therefore received funds without meeting the necessary requirements. Italy now has two months to respond and send the necessary documentation. This appears to be the reason why the Ministry for Farming and Forestry Policies issued Decree No 1922 of 20 March 2015 introducing a number of temporary provisions regarding checks on agricultural payments. In Article 9, the Decree refers to the annual payments 2006 – 2013 disputed by the Commission, specifying that the legitimate owners of the properties for which farmers submitted subsidy applications to access EU funds will have 30 days to present objections, in the event of inappropriate requests or abusive or unlawful occupation of land. The Commission estimates that the financial correction for AGEA's serious shortcomings in the management of payments and irregularities may amount to some EUR 388 million.

Can the Commission:

1. indicate the exact figures of the expected correction;
2. state whether Decree No 1922 of 20 March complies with the legitimacy criteria for the use of European agricultural funds;
3. provide CAP figures for Italy in the years 2007 – 2013 showing the breakdown for regions and provinces?