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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2011) 625final/2 – C7-0336/2011 – 2011/0280(COD))

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Amendment 283

Ulrike Rodust, Brian Simpson, Åsa Westlund, Christel Schaldemose

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) Member States should be allowed to use part of their national ceilings for direct payments for coupled support in certain sectors in clearly defined cases. The resources that may be used for any coupled support should be limited to an appropriate level, while allowing such support to be granted in Member States or in their specific regions facing particular situations where specific types of farming or specific agricultural sectors are particularly important for economic, environmental and/or social reasons. Member States should be allowed to use up to 5 % of their national ceilings for this support, or 10 % in case their level of coupled support in at least one of the years of the period 2010-2013 exceeded 5 %. However, in duly justified cases where certain sensitive needs in a region are demonstrated, and upon approval by the Commission, Member States should be allowed to use more than 10 % of their national ceiling. Coupled support should only be granted to the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of production in those regions. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding 10 % of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts

Amendment

(33) The decoupling of direct support and the introduction of the single payment scheme were essential elements in the process of reforming the CAP. Experience gained through the application of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 together with the evolution of the market situation indicates that schemes that were kept outside the single payment scheme in 2013 can now be integrated into the basic payment scheme to promote more market-oriented and sustainable agriculture.

without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Or. en

Amendment 284
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 285
Mariya Gabriel

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available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding 10 % of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

sectors or types of production that offer significant advantages in terms of environmental improvement, combating climate change or biodiversity. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding 10 % of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

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Amendment 286
Hynek Fajmon

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Text proposed by the Commission

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justified cases where certain sensitive needs in a region are demonstrated, and upon approval by the Commission, Member States should be allowed to use more than 10 % of their national ceiling. Coupled support should only be granted to the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of production in those regions. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. ***As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding 10 % of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.***

maintain current levels of production in those regions ***or to support sectors or types of production that offer significant advantages in terms of environmental improvement, combating climate change or biodiversity.*** This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements.

Or. en

Amendment 287

James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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should be allowed to use up to **5 %** of their national ceilings for this support, **or 10 % in case their level of coupled support in at least one of the years of the period 2010-2013 exceeded 5 %**. However, **in duly justified cases where certain sensitive needs in a region are demonstrated, and upon approval by the Commission, Member States should be allowed to use more than 10 % of their national ceiling**. Coupled support should only be granted to the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of production in those regions. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. **As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding 10 % of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.**

should be allowed to use up to **10 %** of their national ceilings for this support. Coupled support should only be granted to the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of production in those regions, **and in order to ensure the proper observance of that condition, the Commission should be empowered to monitor production levels in the sectors and regions where this form of support is applied and, where necessary, require Member States to reduce the percentage of direct payments provided in coupled form**. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements.

Or. en

Justification

Limits on coupled support in line with amendments to the articles

Amendment 288

Robert Sturdy, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) Member States should be allowed to use part of their national ceilings for direct payments for coupled support in certain

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(33) Member States should **no longer** be allowed to use part of their national ceilings for direct payments for coupled

sectors in clearly defined cases. The resources that may be used for any coupled support should be limited to an appropriate level, while allowing such support to be granted in Member States or in their specific regions facing particular situations where specific types of farming or specific agricultural sectors are **particularly important** for economic, environmental and/or social reasons. Member States should be allowed to use up to 5 % of their national ceilings for this support, **or 10 % in case their level of coupled support in at least one of the years of the period 2010-2013 exceeded 5 %**. However, in duly justified cases where certain sensitive needs in a region are demonstrated, and upon approval by the Commission, Member States should be allowed to use more than **10 %** of their national ceiling. Coupled support should only be granted to the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of production in those regions. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding **10 %** of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

support in certain sectors, **except in very clearly defined cases and for a limited period of time**. The resources that may be used for any coupled support should be limited to an appropriate level, while allowing such support to be granted in Member States or in their specific regions facing particular situations where specific types of farming or specific agricultural sectors are **essential** for economic, environmental and/or social reasons. Member States should be allowed to use up to 5 % of their national ceilings for this support. However, in **very exceptional and** duly justified cases where certain sensitive needs in a region are demonstrated, and upon approval by the Commission, Member States should be allowed to use more than **5 %** of their national ceiling. Coupled support should only be granted to the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of production in those regions. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding **5 %** of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011. **The possibility of coupled support should be limited to small sectors with special needs and should not be used as a general tool. In conjunction with this, all coupled payments should be phased out as soon as possible.**

Or. en

Amendment 289
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) Member States should be allowed to use part of their national ceilings for direct payments for coupled support in *certain* sectors *in clearly defined* cases. The resources that may be used for any coupled support should be limited to an appropriate level, while allowing such support to be granted in Member States or in their specific regions facing particular situations where specific types of farming or specific agricultural sectors are particularly important for economic, environmental and/or social reasons. Member States should be allowed to use up to 5 % of their national ceilings for this support, or 10 % in case their level of coupled support in at least one of the years of the period 2010-2013 exceeded 5 %. However, in duly justified cases where certain sensitive needs in a region are demonstrated, and upon approval by the Commission, Member States should be allowed to use more than 10 % of their national ceiling. Coupled support should only be granted to the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of production in those regions. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding 10 % of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Amendment

(33) Member States *and regional institutions with responsibility for farming* should be allowed to use part of their national ceilings for direct payments for coupled support in sectors and cases *that they have clearly defined*. The resources that may be used for any coupled support should be limited to an appropriate level, while allowing such support to be granted in Member States or in their specific regions facing particular situations where specific types of farming or specific agricultural sectors are particularly important for economic, environmental and/or social reasons, *thus helping to improve their competitiveness and the quality of their products and redress imbalances in the value chain*. Member States should be allowed to use up to 5 % of their national ceilings for this support, or 10 % in case their level of coupled support in at least one of the years of the period 2010-2013 exceeded 5 %. However, in duly justified cases where certain sensitive needs in a region are demonstrated, and upon approval by the Commission, Member States should be allowed to use more than 10 % of their national ceiling. Coupled support should only be granted to the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of production in those regions. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding 10 %

of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

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Justification

Imbalances in the value chain are one of the root causes of the disappearance of some sectors in a globalised and open market.

Amendment 290
Struan Stevenson

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

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the extent necessary to create an incentive to maintain current levels of *employment or production* in those regions *to support sectors or types of production that offer significant advantages for environmental reasons, including biodiversity and landscape sustainability and combating climate change*. This support should also be available to farmers holding, on 31 December 2013, special payment entitlements allocated under Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 and who do not have eligible hectares for the activation of payment entitlements. As regards the approval of voluntary coupled support exceeding 10 % of the annual national ceiling fixed per Member State, the Commission should further be empowered to adopt implementing acts without applying Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Or. en

Amendment 291
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 292
Hans-Peter Mayer

Proposal for a regulation
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Justification

What is at issue here is not a technical matter but a regulation.

Amendment 293

Ulrike Rodust, Brian Simpson, Christel Schaldemose, Åsa Westlund

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 34

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(34) In order to ensure efficient and targeted use of Union funds and to avoid double funding under other similar support instruments, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission for the purpose of defining the adoption of rules concerning the conditions for granting voluntary coupled support and of rules on its consistency with other Union measures and on the cumulation of support.

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Amendment 294

Robert Sturdy, Julie Girling, Anthea McIntyre, Richard Ashworth

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(35) As regards support to the cotton sector, Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 considered necessary that part of it continued to be linked to the cultivation of cotton through a crop specific payment per eligible hectare to ensure against any risk of disruption to production in the

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cotton producing regions, taking into account all factors that influence this choice. This choice should be maintained in accordance with the objectives set out in Protocol No 4 on cotton attached to the 1979 Act of Accession.

Or. en

Amendment 295

Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Britta Reimers, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) As regards support to the cotton sector, Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 considered necessary that part of it ***continued to*** be linked to the cultivation of cotton through a crop specific payment per eligible hectare to ensure against any risk of disruption to production in the cotton producing regions, taking into account all factors that influence this choice. This choice should be maintained in accordance with the objectives set out in Protocol No 4 on cotton attached to the 1979 Act of Accession.

Amendment

(35) As regards support to the cotton sector, Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 considered necessary that part of it be linked ***for the last time*** to the cultivation of cotton through a crop specific payment per eligible hectare to ensure against any risk of disruption to production in the cotton producing regions, taking into account all factors that influence this choice. This choice should be maintained ***temporarily*** in accordance with the objectives set out in Protocol No 4 on cotton attached to the 1979 Act of Accession. ***In order to make this measure more relevant in future to the challenges of the CAP, an evaluation of the necessity and effectiveness of the crop specific payment for cotton should be carried out.***

Or. de

Amendment 296

James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 35

Text proposed by the Commission

(35) As regards support to the cotton sector, Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 considered necessary that part of it continued to be linked to the cultivation of cotton through a crop specific payment per eligible hectare to ensure against any risk of disruption to production in the cotton producing regions, taking into account all factors that influence this choice. ***This*** choice should be maintained in accordance with the objectives set out in Protocol No 4 on cotton attached to the 1979 Act of Accession.

Amendment

(35) As regards support to the cotton sector, Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 considered necessary that part of it continued to be linked to the cultivation of cotton through a crop specific payment per eligible hectare to ensure against any risk of disruption to production in the cotton producing regions, taking into account all factors that influence this choice. ***Whilst this*** choice should be maintained in accordance with the objectives set out in Protocol No 4 on cotton attached to the 1979 Act of Accession, ***its application should be strictly limited and progressively reduced.***

Or. en

Amendment 297

Robert Sturdy, Julie Girling, Anthea McIntyre, Richard Ashworth

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) In order to enable the efficient application of the crop-specific payment for cotton, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission for the purpose of the adoption of rules and conditions for the authorisation of land and varieties as regards the crop specific payment for cotton and of rules on the conditions for the granting of that specific payment, on the eligibility requirements and the agronomic practices, on criteria for the approval of inter-branch organisations, on obligations for producers and on the situation where the approved inter-branch organisation does not respect those criteria.

Amendment

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Amendment 298**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 37***Text proposed by the Commission*

(37) Chapter 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 of 23 June 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and establishing national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector²⁴ provided that each cotton producing Member State has, either every four years and for the first time by 1 January 2009, to submit to the Commission a draft four-year restructuring programme or submit to the Commission, by 31 December 2009, a single draft modified restructuring programme for a duration of eight years. Experience has shown that the restructuring of the cotton sector would be better served through other measures, including those under rural development programming financed under Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], which would also allow for a greater co-ordination with measures in other sectors. However, the acquired rights and legitimate expectations of undertakings already involved in restructuring programmes should be respected. Therefore the ongoing programmes of four or eight years should be allowed to continue to their end. At the end of that period, however, the programmes should end. The funds available from the four-year programmes *could* then be integrated into the available Union funds for measures under rural development from 2014. The funds available after the end of the eight year programmes would not be useful in rural development programmes in 2018 given

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(37) Chapter 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 of 23 June 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and establishing national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector²⁴ provided that each cotton producing Member State has, either every four years and for the first time by 1 January 2009, to submit to the Commission a draft four-year restructuring programme or submit to the Commission, by 31 December 2009, a single draft modified restructuring programme for a duration of eight years. Experience has shown that the restructuring of the cotton sector would be better served through other measures, including those under rural development programming financed under Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], which would also allow for a greater co-ordination with measures in other sectors. However, the acquired rights and legitimate expectations of undertakings already involved in restructuring programmes should be respected. Therefore the ongoing programmes of four or eight years should be allowed to continue to their end. At the end of that period, however, the programmes should end. The funds available from the four-year programmes *should* then be integrated into the available Union funds for measures under rural development from 2014. The funds available after the end of the eight year programmes would not be useful in rural development programmes in 2018 given

the programming period and could therefore be more usefully transferred to support schemes under this Regulation, as already provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 637/2008. Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 will therefore become obsolete from 1 January 2014 or 1 January 2018 as regards Member States which have, respectively, four or eight-year programmes. Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 should therefore be repealed.

the programming period and could therefore be more usefully transferred to support schemes under this Regulation, as already provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 637/2008. Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 will therefore become obsolete from 1 January 2014 or 1 January 2018 as regards Member States which have, respectively, four or eight-year programmes. Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 should therefore be repealed.

Or. en

Amendment 299

Mairead McGuinness, Petri Sarvamaa, Esther de Lange, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Czesław Adam Siekierski

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers **should** be put in place in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure

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of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

the payment should be imposed. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Or. en

Amendment 300

Ulrike Rodust, Brian Simpson, Åsa Westlund, Christel Schaldemose

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(38) **Member States should be allowed to use part of their national direct payments ceiling to put in place a** simple and specific scheme for small farmers in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. **The rules on cross compliance shall however still apply to small farmers, as it is important that all farmers in receipt of EU funds, regardless of size of their holdings, adhere to minimum environmental standards.** The

existing holdings.

objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Or. en

Amendment 301

James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers **should** be put in place in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments **should** be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities **should** be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, **to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR]** without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Amendment

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers **may** be put in place **by a member state** in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments **may** be established **by a member state**. Rules seeking simplification of formalities **may** be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Amendment 302**James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 38***Text proposed by the Commission*

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers **should** be put in place in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments **should** be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, **to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR]** without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Amendment

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers **can** be put in place **by a member state** in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments **can** be established **by a member state**. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Or. en

Amendment 303**Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre**

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers **should** be put in place in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments **should** be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Amendment

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers **can** be put in place **by a member state** in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments **can** be established **by a member state**. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Or. en

Amendment 304

Riikka Manner, Petri Sarvamaa, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Sari Essayah, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) A simple and specific scheme for

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(38) **It should be possible for a** simple and

small farmers *should* be put in place in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

specific scheme for small farmers *to* be put in place in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. ***Member States should, however, be allowed to decide for themselves whether to put a specific scheme into place.*** For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Or. en

Amendment 305

George Lyon, Britta Reimers, Phil Bennion, Marit Paulsen, Liam Aylward, Kent Johansson, Anne E. Jensen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) *A simple and specific scheme for small farmers **should be put in place in order** to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of*

Amendment

(38) ***Member States should be authorised to use part of their national direct payments ceiling to put in place a*** simple and specific scheme for small farmers to

direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance **and to controls** as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to **controls on** cross-compliance as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures **and without hampering structural change in agriculture**. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Or. en

Amendment 306

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers should be put in place in order to **reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support**. For that purpose, a **lump-sum payment replacing all** direct payments should be established. Rules

Amendment

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers should be put in place in order to **help small farmers and producer groups to participate in farming activities**. For that purpose, a **special scheme under the** direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities

seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced *by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers.* The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. *For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.*

should be introduced. *The small farmers scheme should not be an "opt-out" model for small businesses, helping farmers leave the sector. Therefore farmers should have the possibility to leave or enter the "small farmer scheme" and move to another farming system defined in this regulation. Small farmers should not automatically be exempt from Greening measures and have to comply with cross compliance.* The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures.

Or. en

Amendment 307

Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) A simple and specific scheme *for small farmers should be put in place* in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid

Amendment

(38) *Two simple forms of support for small farmers should be put in place. On the one hand,* a simple and specific scheme *for very small and family-run farms should be introduced* in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for

down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more *competitive* structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more *productive* structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings. ***On the other hand, there should be a form of assistance for small farms that is additional to the other support payments made to farmers. The obligations related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] should apply to small farms.***

Or. fr

Amendment 308

Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers should be put in place in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others,

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the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support and to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that *cross-compliance and* Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more competitive structures. For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

Or. de

Amendment 309

João Ferreira, Inês Cristina Zuber, Willy Meyer

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

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being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the **existing** agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more **competitive** structures. **For that reason, access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.**

being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more **productive** structures.

Or. pt

Amendment 310
Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) A simple and specific scheme for small farmers should be put in place in order to reduce the administrative costs linked to the management and control of direct support. For that purpose, a lump-sum payment replacing all direct payments should be established. Rules seeking simplification of formalities should be introduced by reducing, amongst others, the obligations imposed on small farmers such as those related to the application for support, to agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, to cross-compliance and to controls as laid down in Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] without endangering the achievement of the overall objectives of the reform, it being understood that Union legislation as referred to in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] applies to small farmers. The objective of that scheme should be to support the existing agricultural structure of small farms in the Union without countering the development towards more **competitive** structures. For that reason,

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access to the scheme should be limited to existing holdings.

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Or. fr

Justification

L'agriculture européenne n'a cessé de s'adapter et a gagné en productivité et en qualité mais elle n'assure pas ou mal le bien être des agriculteurs et des agricultrices et des éleveurs. Le concept de "compétitivité" signifie aussi privilégier les zones les plus productives, souvent en appauvrissant les sols, au mépris des zones réputées plus pauvres et moins accessibles. Or l'agriculture doit être liée au sol et aux territoires et nous avons besoin de toutes les agricultures européennes pour assurer notre souveraineté alimentaire. C'est pourquoi le concept de durabilité s'impose car il recouvre une triple dimension : économique, sociale et environnementale.

Amendment 311 Gabriel Mato Adrover

Proposal for a regulation Recital 39 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(39a) Agriculture in the outermost regions has to contend with specific difficulties on account of the insularity and remoteness of the areas in question and should therefore receive specific treatment under separate provisions, currently contained in Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2006. The significant geographic and climate-related obstacles to product diversification in these areas makes it necessary to extend this specific treatment to budgetary decisions taken by the European Union in connection with this Regulation.

Or. es

Amendment 312 Luís Paulo Alves

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) In the interest of simplification and to **take into account** the specific situation of the outermost regions, direct payments in those regions should be managed within the support programmes established by Regulation (EC) No 247/2006. As a consequence, provisions in this Regulation relating to the basic payment scheme and related payments and to coupled support should not apply to those regions.

Amendment

(40) In the interest of simplification and to **gear the CAP more exactly to** the specific situation of the outermost regions – **which are hampered by their small scale and their long distance from the markets** – direct payments **and all forms of income support granted to farmers** in those regions should be managed within the support programmes established by Regulation (EC) No 247/2006. As a consequence, provisions in this Regulation relating to the basic payment scheme and related payments and to coupled support should not apply to those regions.

Or. pt

Amendment 313
Gabriel Mato Adrover

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) In the interest of simplification and to take into account the specific situation of the outermost regions, direct payments in those regions should be managed within the support programmes established by Regulation (EC) No 247/2006. As a consequence, provisions in this Regulation relating to the basic payment scheme and related payments and to coupled support should not apply to those regions.

Amendment

(40) In the interest of simplification and to take into account the specific situation of the outermost regions, direct payments in those regions should be managed within the support programmes established by Regulation (EC) No 247/2006. As a consequence, provisions in this Regulation relating to the basic payment scheme and related payments and to coupled support should not apply to those regions.
However, an assessment should be made of the impact that any changes to this Regulation could have on those regions.

Or. es

Amendment 314
Esther Herranz García, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 40 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40a) The diversity of the farming sector in certain isolated areas with inefficient production systems calls for specific agricultural policy instruments, with which the European Union has sufficient experience, to be brought to bear in order to make the sector more market-oriented, reduce the impact on the environment through the abandonment of farming activity and preserve rural communities in line with the sustainability objective. Specific arrangements should be studied in depth for those island territories of the Union which have similar features to territories in which such agricultural policy instruments have proven a success.

Or. es

Amendment 315
Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 42 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(42a) In order to strengthen social criteria, Member States should promote and establish employment footprint certification systems (accredited social certification with the involvement of social stakeholders) that provide consumers with information and act as a stimulus for a corporate social responsibility approach that identifies and

selects the best labour relations and practices. This employment footprint information system could also be applied to imported products.

Or. es

Amendment 316

Liam Aylward, Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. *At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.*

Amendment

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. *All monies thus transferred should be subject to co-financing by the Member State at the rate applying to the Rural Development Programme in that Member State.*

Or. en

Justification

If there is no co-financing requirement, there is a risk that Pillar 1 funds could be used by Member States to reduce their co-financing requirements and thereby improve the exchequer finances at the expense of the CAP.

Amendment 317

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. ***At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.***

Amendment

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. ***All monies thus transferred should be subject to co-financing by the Member State at the rate applying to the Rural Development Programme in that Member State.***

Or. en

Amendment 318
Brian Simpson, Karin Kadenbach, Åsa Westlund

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. ***At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling.*** Such ***choices*** should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

Amendment

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. Such ***a choice*** should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

Justification

Such provision would reduce the focus on the CAP supporting public spending for public goods and represent a significant backwards step in the evolution of the CAP, therefore should be removed.

Amendment 319**George Lyon, Phil Bennion****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 43***Text proposed by the Commission*

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

Amendment

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. ***All monies thus transferred should not represent more than 15% of their direct payments ceiling, and should be used with co-financing. All Member States should be able to supplement the transfer by a sum proportional to those monies unallocated under the heading of support for areas with natural constraints. They shall also have the option of transferring unspent monies for "greening" so as to provide additional support for agro-environmental rural-development measures.*** At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

Amendment 320
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

Amendment

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. ***Such funds, once transferred, would not be subject to co-financing. Member States with a level of direct support lower than the Union average would thus be able to consolidate the transfer of funds from Pillar I to Pillar II.*** At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

Or. fr

Amendment 321
Vasilica Viorica Dăncilă

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. ro

Amendment 322
Paolo De Castro

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

Amendment

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. ***In this connection Member States may give priority to funding measures to concentrate supply by strengthening the producer organisations provided for in the Rural Development Regulation.*** At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once

and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

Or. it

Amendment 323

James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) With a view to strengthening their rural development policy, Member States should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their direct payments ceiling to their support assigned for rural development. At the same time, Member States where the level of direct support remains lower than 90 % of the Union average level of support should be given the possibility to transfer funds from their support assigned for rural development to their direct payments ceiling. Such choices should be made, within certain limits, once and for the whole period of application of this Regulation.

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Or. en

Amendment 324

Struan Stevenson

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 44 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(44 a) In order to protect the state of European landscapes, payments under this Regulation should be consistent with the principles of the European Landscape Convention and Article 3 of Treaty of

Lisbon which ensures that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced. Landscape forms a key aspect of culture and regional tradition, improving cultural and geographic diversity and is also a basis for our modern biodiversity, which has been shaped by centuries of agriculture and forest management.

Or. en

Amendment 325
Britta Reimers

Proposal for a regulation
Article - 1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article - 1

End of direct payments

1. The direct payments shall end by 2025, whereby:

(a) they shall be phased out in stages;

(b) the resources released shall be used for protection and improvement programmes in the following fields:

(i) environment

(ii) animal husbandry

(iii) water and water quality

(iv) soil and soil quality

(v) climate-related changes;

(c) 100% of the resources released shall be used for regional measures.

Or. de

Amendment 326
James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) a payment for farmers observing agricultural practises beneficial for the climate and the environment;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 327
Richard Ashworth

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) a payment for farmers observing agricultural practises beneficial for the climate and the environment;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 328
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ii) a payment for farmers **observing agricultural** practises beneficial for the climate and the environment;

(ii) a payment for farmers **adopting advanced sustainable farming** practises beneficial for **biodiversity, good management of soil fertility and water**, the climate and the environment **and which go beyond cross compliance rules**;

Or. en

Amendment 329
Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) a payment for farmers observing agricultural *practises* beneficial for the climate and the environment;

Amendment

(ii) a ***scheme that is compulsory for Member States and voluntary for farmers and involves a*** payment for farmers observing agricultural *practices* beneficial for the climate and the environment;

Or. it

Amendment 330
Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Britta Reimers, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) ***a*** payment for farmers observing agricultural *practises* beneficial for the climate and the environment;

Amendment

(ii) ***an additional*** payment for farmers observing agricultural *practices* beneficial for the climate and the environment;

Or. de

Amendment 331
Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) a payment for farmers observing agricultural *practises* beneficial for the climate and the environment;

Amendment

(ii) a ***top-up*** payment for farmers observing agricultural *practises* beneficial for the climate and the environment;

Amendment 332
Mariya Gabriel

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iiia) a new EU-funded scheme of payments for bee colonies in the apiculture sector;

Or. bg

Amendment 333
Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) a payment for **young** farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

(iv) a payment for **new** farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. fr

Amendment 334
Brian Simpson, Åsa Westlund

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

(iv) a **voluntary** payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. en

Justification

2nd Pillar measures related to young farmers are a more effective way to support and encourage new entrants, therefore the 1st Pillar measures should be voluntary for Member States to implement.

Amendment 335

James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Amendment

(iv) a **voluntary** payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. en

Justification

Payment for young farmers should be optional for Member States and regions

Amendment 336

Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Amendment

(iv) a **voluntary** payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. en

Amendment 337

Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Britta Reimers, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Amendment

(iv) a **voluntary** payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. de

Amendment 338
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Amendment

(iv) a payment for young farmers **and new entrants** who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. en

Amendment 339
Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, João Ferreira, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Amendment

(iv) a payment for young **and new** farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. fr

Amendment 340
Mairead McGuinness, Herbert Dorfmann, Michel Dantin, Elisabeth Jeggle, Mariya Gabriel, Georgios Papastamkos, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Sergio Paolo

Francesco Silvestris, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Agnès Le Brun, Esther de Lange, Czesław Adam Siekierski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Amendment

(iv) a **mandatory** payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. en

Amendment 341

Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) **a** payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Amendment

(iv) **an obligatory** payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Or. en

Amendment 342

Giancarlo Scottà, Vincenzo Iovine, Mara Bizzotto, Mario Borghezio, Lorenzo Fontana, Claudio Morganti, Fiorello Provera, Oreste Rossi, Matteo Salvini, Francesco Enrico Speroni, Lara Comi, Salvatore Caronna

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity;

Amendment

(iv) a payment for young farmers who commence their agricultural activity **and for women in farming**;

Or. it

Justification

As a result of the multifunctional role that women play in the family and work environments, they can make a major contribution to progress and innovation at all levels of society and to improving quality of life, especially in rural areas. They are therefore every bit as deserving of recognition and support within the CAP as young people.

Amendment 343

Ulrike Rodust, Brian Simpson, Christel Schaldemose, Åsa Westlund

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(v) a voluntary coupled support scheme; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 344

Robert Sturdy, Julie Girling, Anthea McIntyre, Richard Ashworth

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vi

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vi) a crop specific payment for cotton; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 345

Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Britta Reimers, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vi

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vi) a crop specific payment for cotton; (vi) a **temporary** crop specific payment for cotton;

Or. de

Amendment 346
Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) a simplified scheme for **small** farmers;

(vii) a simplified scheme for farmers;

Or. fr

Amendment 347
Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Britta Reimers, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) a simplified scheme for small farmers;

(vii) a **voluntary** simplified scheme for small farmers;

Or. de

Amendment 348
James Nicholson, Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) a simplified scheme for small farmers;

(vii) a **voluntary** simplified scheme for small farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 349

Mairead McGuinness, Michel Dantin, Petri Sarvamaa, Mariya Gabriel, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Agnès Le Brun, Esther de Lange, Czeslaw Adam Siekierski

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) a simplified scheme for small farmers;

(vii) a **voluntary** simplified scheme for small farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 350

Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) a simplified scheme for small farmers;

(vii) a **voluntary** simplified scheme for small farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 351

Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) a simplified scheme for small farmers;

(vii) a **voluntary** simplified scheme for small farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 352

Petri Sarvamaa, Liisa Jaakonsaari

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) a simplified scheme for small farmers;

(vii) a **voluntary** simplified scheme for small farmers;

Or. en

Amendment 353
Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(vii) a simplified scheme for small farmers;

(vii) a **voluntary** simplified scheme for small farmers;

Or. fr

Justification

Farm sizes vary considerably from one Member State to another. A scheme for small farmers may be useful in some cases but in other Member States it may have the effect of distorting competition. It is the Member States who are thus best placed to assess whether such a scheme is worthwhile.

Amendment 354
Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(viiia) a payment for small farms, to be established at Member State level;

Or. fr

Amendment 355
Patrick Le Hyaric

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*(vii) a payment for small farmers,
established by each Member State;*

Or. fr

Amendment 356
Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2

deleted

Amendment of Annex I

*The Commission shall be empowered to
adopt delegated acts in accordance with
Article 55 for the purpose of amending
the list of support schemes set out in
Annex I.*

Or. es

Justification

The Regulation's scope is of fundamental importance.

Amendment 357
Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2

deleted

Amendment of Annex I

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 for the purpose of amending the list of support schemes set out in Annex I.

Or. fr

Amendment 358

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) "farmer" means a natural or legal person, or a group of natural or legal persons, whatever legal status is granted to the group and its members by national law, whose holding is situated within the Union territory, as defined in Article 52 of the Treaty on European Union in conjunction with Articles 349 and 355 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and who exercises an agricultural activity;

(a) "farmer" means a natural or legal person, or a group of natural or legal persons, whatever legal status is granted to the group and its members by national law, whose holding is situated within the Union territory, as defined in Article 52 of the Treaty on European Union in conjunction with Articles 349 and 355 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and who exercises an agricultural activity.
Where a farmer is a legally registered non-profit organisation or similar charitable organisation or empowered by central or regional government, whose primary legal constitutional purpose is to actively protect and manage land and/or the historic environment for conservation and public benefit, a Member State may choose to recognise their holdings or a group of their holdings as individual and separate businesses for the purposes of this regulation, Regulation (EU) No [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council of....on support for rural

development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and Regulation (EU) No [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council of...on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy ('the horizontal regulation');

Or. en

Justification

Certain types of non-profit organisations manage multiple agricultural holdings with the objective of securing a more sustainable and environmentally friendly farming approach. It is therefore sensible to allow Member States to treat multiple holdings of this type of organisation as individual and separate businesses for the purposes of CAP payments and monitoring to simplify administrative requirements and avoid disproportionate costs faced by the beneficiary and national paying agencies

Amendment 359

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) 'salaried agricultural worker' means an employee of a farmer, whether on a permanent, permanent seasonal or temporary contract, whose activity is fundamental to farming and the value chain, and whose employment conditions concerning stability, security and professionalism should be improved as a priority objective.

Or. es

Amendment 360

Esther Herranz García, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Pilar Ayuso, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

b) 'holding' means all the units used for agricultural activities and managed by a farmer situated within the territory of the same Member State;

Amendment

b) 'holding' means all the **production** units used for agricultural activities and managed by a farmer situated within the territory of the same Member State;

Or. es

Justification

'Units used for agricultural activities' is a wider definition than what should be covered by this Article, given that such units could refer to anything from a plough to a milking machine or an irrigation system.

Amendment 361
Wojciech Michał Olejniczak

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

b) "holding" means all the units used for agricultural activities and managed by a farmer situated within the territory of the same Member State;

Amendment

b) "holding" means all the units used for agricultural activities and managed by a farmer, **the farmer's family, or several families**, situated within the territory of the same Member State;

Or. pl

Justification

The definition of a holding should be broadened to include family farms or farms run by several families, which is not contrary to the the private ownership of agricultural land.

Amendment 362
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b a) "advanced sustainable farming systems" : farming practices going beyond existing cross compliance baseline rules of the Regulation (EU) No ...[HZR] and in continuous progress to improve their management of natural nutrients, water cycles and energy flows in a way to reduce environmental damage and waste of non-renewable resources, and maintain a high degree of crop, farm animal and natural diversity in the production system;

Or. en

Amendment 363
Janusz Wojciechowski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b a) "industrial farming" : intensive animal production structurally dependent on purchased feed and high energy consumption;

Or. en

Amendment 364
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b b) "unsustainable farming systems" : farming and animal breeding practices which systematically breach existing cross compliance baseline rules of the Regulation (EU) No ...[HZR] as a consequence of a low level of nutrient cycle management and high dependence on external energy, biocides, antibiotics, water and nutrient inputs;

Or. en

Amendment 365

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b c) "small farmer" : a small scale producer including part time and semi-subsistence farmers with less than 5 ha, but at least 25 % of on farm activity and total net income from production on the farm including linked processing and marketing of farm products and other farm-related services.

Or. en

Amendment 366

Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– rearing or growing of agricultural

– rearing or growing of agricultural

products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes,

products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes, ***including the use of domestic equidae except for entertainment-related activities,***

Or. fr

Amendment 367
Ulrike Rodust

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes,

Amendment

– rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes, ***and mowing or grazing land primarily or solely for environmental reasons,***

Or. de

Amendment 368
Eric Andrieu, Marielle de Sarnez, Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes,

Amendment

– rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milking, ***breaking-in, training and*** breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes,

Or. fr

Amendment 369
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes,

Amendment

– rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for **standard** farming purposes,

Or. es

Amendment 370
Luís Paulo Alves

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes,

Amendment

– **agricultural production involving** rearing or growing of agricultural products, including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes,

Or. pt

Amendment 371
João Ferreira, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber, Willy Meyer

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– ***maintaining the agricultural area in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond traditional agricultural methods and***

Amendment

deleted

machineries, or

Or. pt

Amendment 372

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– maintaining the agricultural area *in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond traditional agricultural methods and machineries, or*

Amendment

– maintaining the agricultural area *under good agricultural and environmental conditions and*

Or. en

Amendment 373

Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– maintaining the agricultural area *in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond traditional agricultural methods and machineries, or*

Amendment

– maintaining the agricultural area *under GAEC, or*

Or. en

Amendment 374

Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– maintaining the agricultural area in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation *without any particular preparatory action going beyond traditional agricultural methods and machineries, or*

Amendment

– maintaining the agricultural area in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation, *that maintenance entailing, in the case of agricultural areas naturally kept in such a state, a minimum activity to be established by the Member States;*

Or. fr

Amendment 375
Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– maintaining the agricultural area in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond *traditional* agricultural methods and machineries, or

Amendment

– maintaining the agricultural area in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond *standard* agricultural methods and machineries, or

Or. es

Justification

'Standard' is a more appropriate term.

Amendment 376
Esther Herranz García, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Pilar Ayuso, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– maintaining the agricultural area in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond **traditional** agricultural methods and machineries, or

Amendment

– maintaining the agricultural area in a state which makes it suitable for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond **standard** agricultural methods and machineries, or

Or. es

Justification

'Standard agricultural methods and machineries' is more suitable than 'traditional agricultural methods and machineries', given that the two may not coincide.

Amendment 377
Janusz Wojciechowski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– maintaining the agricultural area in a state **which makes it suitable** for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond traditional agricultural methods and machineries, or

Amendment

– maintaining the agricultural area in a state **of preparedness** for grazing or cultivation without any particular preparatory action going beyond traditional agricultural methods and machineries, or

Or. pl

Amendment 378
Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– **carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state**

Amendment

deleted

suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Or. fr

Amendment 379

João Ferreira, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber, Willy Meyer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 380

Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*– carrying out a minimum activity **to be established by Member States** on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;*

– carrying out a minimum activity on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Or. en

Amendment 381

James Nicholson, Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– *carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas* naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

– *where the agricultural area is* naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation *and the land is not used as set out in the first indent above there is no agricultural activity;*

Or. en

Amendment 382

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– carrying out a minimum activity *to be established by Member States* on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

– carrying out a minimum activity on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation, *including farming which also reaches nature conservation objectives, for example high nature value farming systems or farming under Natura 2000 or equivalent programmes;*

Or. en

Amendment 383

Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– *carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas* naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

– *If the Member State at national or regional level so chooses, where an area does not require maintenance activity but is instead* naturally maintained in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation,

activities which may be defined at national or regional level;

Or. en

Amendment 384
James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– *carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas naturally kept* in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

– *If a Member state at national or regional level so chooses, where an area does not require maintenance activity but is instead naturally maintained* in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation, *activities may be defined at national or regional level;*

Or. en

Amendment 385
Brian Simpson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– *carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas naturally kept* in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

– *if the Member State at national or regional level so chooses, where an area does not require maintenance activity but is instead naturally maintained* in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation, *activities which may be defined at national or regional level;*

Or. en

Amendment 386
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

– carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States **or, where appropriate, regional institutions in accordance with Article 20 of this Regulation** on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Or. es

Justification

Compliance with the subsidiarity principle under the framework established by the Commission. The reform of the Common Agricultural Policy should not be used to place policies under central government control which are much better managed at regional level.

Amendment 387
Luis Paulo Alves

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

carrying out a minimum activity, **based where appropriate on a minimum stocking density**, to be established by Member States, on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Or. pt

Amendment 388
Alyn Smith

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3

Text proposed by the Commission

– carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

– carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States **or regions** on agricultural areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Or. en

Amendment 389
Ivari Padar

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- carrying out a minimum activity to be established by Member States with the purpose of nature conservation under Natura2000 or equivalent nature conservation programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 390
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – indent 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- land management carried out wholly or mainly to provide environmental benefit

Or. en

Justification

The concept of environmental land management should be included in the definition of "agricultural activity".

Amendment 391
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c – indent 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- activities covered by indent 2 and 3 should benefit from subventions only once in a cycle of three years

Or. en

Amendment 392
Esther Herranz García, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Pilar Ayuso, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

d) 'agricultural products' means the products listed in Annex I to the Treaty, with the exception of fishery products, as well as cotton;

d) *(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. es

Justification

(Does not affect English version.)

Amendment 393
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

d) 'agricultural products' means the products listed in Annex I to the Treaty, with the exception of fishery products, as well as cotton;

Amendment

d) (*Does not affect English version.*)

Or. es

Justification

(Does not affect English version.)

Amendment 394
Michel Dantin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) "agricultural area" means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland or permanent crops;

Amendment

(e) “agricultural area” means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland **and pasture** or permanent crops **including agro-forestry crops**;

Or. fr

Amendment 395
Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) "agricultural area" means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland or permanent crops;

Amendment

(e) “agricultural area” means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland or permanent crops **including agro-forestry crops**;

Amendment 396

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) ‘agricultural area’ means any area taken up by arable land, permanent **grassland** or permanent crops;

(e) ‘agricultural area’ means any area taken up by arable land, permanent **pasture** or permanent crops;

Or. en

Justification

The definition of permanent "grassland" (formerly "pasture") does not sufficiently take account of grazing of rough pasture where forage species may be ligneous, and not necessarily just grasses. Grazing in established pastureland prevents abandonment and loss of biodiversity via encroachment by common species and maintains high nature value systems, thus providing a public good. This change should be applied throughout the regulation.

Amendment 397

Spyros Danellis, Theodoros Skylakakis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) ‘agricultural area’ means any area taken up by arable land, permanent **grassland** or permanent crops;

(e) ‘agricultural area’ means any area taken up by arable land, permanent **pastures** or permanent crops;

Or. en

Amendment 398

Mairead McGuinness, Elisabeth Jeggle, Mariya Gabriel, Herbert Dorfmann, Georgios

Papastamkos, Giovanni La Via, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) ‘agricultural area’ means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland or permanent crops;

Amendment

(e) ‘agricultural area’ means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland **and pasture** or permanent crops;

Or. en

Amendment 399

Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) "agricultural area" means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland or permanent crops;

Amendment

(e) "agricultural area" means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland, **permanent pastures** or permanent crops;

Or. fr

Amendment 400

Salvatore Caronna

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) “agricultural area” means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland **or** permanent crops;

Amendment

(e) “agricultural area” means any area taken up by arable land, **pasture and** permanent grassland **and/or** permanent crops;

Or. it

Amendment 401
Michel Dantin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) “agro-forestry” means a system of production in which trees and cultivated or grazed plants are grown together on, or on the edge of, the same plots of land;

Or. fr

Amendment 402
Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) “agro-forestry” means a system of production in which trees and cultivated or grazed plants are grown together on, or on the edge of, the same plots of land;

Or. fr

Amendment 403
Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

f) 'arable land' means land cultivated for crop production or areas available for crop production but laying fallow, including areas set aside in accordance with Articles 22, 23 and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999, with Article 39 of

f) 'arable land' means land cultivated for crop production or areas available for crop production but laying fallow, including areas set aside in accordance with **Article 32 of this Regulation**, Articles 22, 23 and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999, with

Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], irrespective of whether or not that land is under greenhouses or under fixed or mobile cover;

Article 39 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], irrespective of whether or not that land is under greenhouses or under fixed or mobile cover;

Or. es

Amendment 404
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

f) 'arable land' means land cultivated for crop production or areas available for crop production but laying fallow, including areas set aside in accordance with Articles 22, 23 and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999, with Article 39 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], irrespective of whether or not that land is under greenhouses or under fixed or mobile cover;

Amendment

f) 'arable land' means land cultivated for crop production or areas available for crop production but laying fallow, including areas set aside in accordance with **Article 32 of this Regulation**, Articles 22, 23 and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999, with Article 39 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], irrespective of whether or not that land is under greenhouses or under fixed or mobile cover;

Or. es

Justification

The concept of 'arable land' should specifically include the hectares set aside as ecological focus areas under Article 32.

Amendment 405
Agnès Le Brun

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) "arable land" means land cultivated for crop production or areas available for crop production but laying fallow, including areas set aside in accordance with Articles 22, 23 and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999, with Article 39 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], irrespective of whether or not that land is under greenhouses or under fixed or mobile cover;

Amendment

(f) "arable land" means land cultivated for crop production or areas available for crop production, ***including temporary grassland***, but laying fallow, including areas set aside in accordance with Articles 22, 23 and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999, with Article 39 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 and with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], irrespective of whether or not that land is under greenhouses or under fixed or mobile cover;(

Or. fr

Amendment 406

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f a) "crop rotation": crop cultivation including at least four different crops including one leguminous crop;

Or. en

Amendment 407

Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(f a) "crop rotation": crop cultivation including at least four different crops including one leguminous crop;

Amendment 408

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) ‘permanent crops’ means non-rotational crops other than permanent **grassland** that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, and short rotation coppice;

Amendment

(g) ‘permanent crops’ means non-rotational crops other than permanent **pasture** that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, **fruit and nut trees, olives and** short rotation coppice;

Or. en

Amendment 409

Spyros Danellis, Theodoros Skylakakis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) ‘permanent crops’ means non-rotational crops other than permanent **grassland** that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, and short rotation coppice;

Amendment

(g) ‘permanent crops’ means non-rotational crops other than permanent **pastures** that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, and short rotation coppice;

Or. en

Amendment 410

João Ferreira, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber, Willy Meyer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) “permanent crops” means non-rotational crops other than permanent grassland that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, **and short rotation coppice**;

Amendment

(g) “permanent crops” means non-rotational crops other than permanent grassland that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries;

Or. pt

Amendment 411
Elisabeth Jeggle

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) "permanent crops" means non-rotational crops other than permanent grassland that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, and short rotation coppice;

Amendment

(g) "permanent crops" means non-rotational crops other than permanent grassland that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, **traditional orchards** and short rotation coppice;

Or. de

Amendment 412
Carlo Fidanza, Giancarlo Scottà

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) "permanent crops" means non-rotational crops other than permanent grassland that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, and short rotation coppice;

Amendment

(g) “permanent crops” means non-rotational crops other than permanent grassland that occupy the land for five years or longer and yield repeated harvests, including nurseries, and short rotation coppice **and poplar plantations**;

Amendment 413
Michel Dantin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow ***grasses or other herbaceous*** forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that ***has not been*** included in the crop rotation of the holding ***for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;***

Amendment

(h) “permanent grassland and permanent pastures” means land used to grow ***for*** forage ***herbaceous plants, shrubs and/or trees or any other species suitable for grazing,*** naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown), and that ***is not*** included in the crop rotation of the holding;

Amendment 414
Georgios Papastamkos, Giovanni La Via, Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris, Carlo Fidanza, Paolo Bartolozzi

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow ***grasses or other herbaceous*** forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that ***has not been*** included in the crop rotation of the holding ***for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;***

Amendment

(h) “permanent grassland ***and permanent pastures***” means land used to grow ***for*** forage ***herbaceous plants, shrubs and/or trees or any other species suitable for grazing,*** naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown), and that ***is not*** included in the crop rotation of the holding;

Amendment 415

Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) "permanent grassland **or permanent pastures**" means land used to grow grasses or other forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Or. fr

Amendment 416

Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that **has** not been included in the crop rotation of the holding **for five years or longer; it** may include other species **suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;**

Amendment

h) 'permanent grassland **and historical pastures**' means land used to grow grasses or other forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that **have** not been included in the crop rotation of the holding; **they** may include other species **or features that are important for classifying the land as historical pastures, and traditional grazing lands (dehesa).**

Or. es

Justification

This amendment refers to permanent pastures rather than just permanent meadows, in order to take account of traditional grazing systems, such as the Iberian dehesa, where other non-herbaceous species are found and which are used for extensive livestock farming.

Amendment 417

George Lyon, Phil Bennion, Marit Paulsen, Marielle de Sarnez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **five** years or longer; it may include other species **suitable for grazing** provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **ten** years or longer; it may include other species **which can be grazed** provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant. **Member States may decide to include land which can be grazed and which forms part of established local practices where grasses and other herbaceous forage are traditionally not predominant in grazing areas;**

Or. en

Justification

Cultivated grasslands are generally re-sown once every 8 to 10 years or even longer. Limiting the crop rotation period to five years would have the effect of freezing large areas of productive and cultivated grassland. The definition of permanent grassland should not exclude traditional pastures of high ecological value where grass and herbaceous are not predominant.

Amendment 418

Hynek Fajmon

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage

naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **five** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **ten** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Or. en

Amendment 419
Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **five** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **eight** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant; ***grass strips pursuant agri-environment-climate measures as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR] shall be excluded;***

Or. en

Amendment 420
Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through

cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **five** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **eight** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Or. en

Amendment 421
Phil Prendergast

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **five** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown **and with re-establishment where necessary**) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **eight** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Or. en

Amendment 422
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent **grassland**’ means land used to grow grasses or other **herbaceous** forage **naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and** that has not been **included in the crop rotation of the**

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent **pasture**’ means land used to grow grasses or other forage that has not been **ploughed or re-seeded** for **seven** years or longer; **this will** include other species suitable for grazing

holding for *five* years or longer; *it may* include other species suitable for grazing *provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;*

Or. en

Amendment 423
Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent *grassland*’ means land used to grow grasses or other *herbaceous* forage *naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown)* and that has not been *included in the crop rotation of the holding* for *five* years or longer; *it may* include other species suitable for grazing *provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;*

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent *pasture*’ means land used to grow grasses or other forage and that has not been *ploughed or reseeded* for *seven* years or longer; *this will* include other species suitable for grazing;

Or. en

Amendment 424
Brian Simpson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other *herbaceous* forage naturally (*self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown)* and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for *five* years or longer; it may include other species *suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;*

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other forage naturally and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding, *ploughed or reseeded* for *seven* years or longer; it may include other species *or features; Member States may decide to include land which can be grazed and which forms part of established local practices;*

Amendment 425
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent **grassland**" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that **has not been** included in the crop rotation of the holding for **five** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing **provided that** the grasses and other herbaceous forage **remain predominant**;

Amendment

(h) "permanent **pastures**" means land used to grow grasses or other **non**-herbaceous forage **resources (shrubs and/or trees)** naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that **is not** included in the crop rotation of the holding **and has not been ploughed or re-seeded** for **seven** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing **apart from** the grasses and other herbaceous forage;

Or. fr

Amendment 426
Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent **grassland**" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; **it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant**;

Amendment

(h) "permanent **pastures**" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer;

Or. fr

Amendment 427
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **five** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent grassland’ means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for **three** years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Or. en

Amendment 428
Ulrike Rodust

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land ***used to grow*** grasses or other ***herbaceous forage*** naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been ***included in the crop rotation of the holding*** for five years or longer; ***it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;***

Amendment

(h) "permanent grassland" means land ***on which*** grasses or other ***plants suitable for grazing grow*** naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown), ***that is mowed or grazed*** and that has not been ***ploughed or re-seeded*** for five years or longer. ***Landscape features to be defined by the Member States may be included in permanent grassland, provided that the land in question has its own “extensive pasture” land-use code or that the grazed and/or mowed area accounts for more than 50% of it;***

Or. de

Amendment 429
Spyros Danellis, Theodoros Skylakakis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) ‘permanent **grassland**’ means land used to grow grasses or other **herbaceous** forage **naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown)** and **that** has not been **included in the crop rotation of the holding** for five years or longer; **it may** include other species suitable for grazing **provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant**;

Amendment

(h) ‘permanent **pasture**’ means land used to grow grasses or other forage, **including woody species**, and **which** has not been **ploughed or reseeded** for five years or longer; **this will** include other species suitable for grazing;

Or. en

Amendment 430
Carlo Fidanza, Giancarlo Scottà

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other **herbaceous** forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation **of the holding** for five years or longer; it may include other species **suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant**;

Amendment

(h) "permanent grassland **and pasture**" means land used to grow grasses or other forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation for five years or longer; it may include other species **or features of importance for the classification of the land as pasture**;

Or. it

Amendment 431
Salvatore Caronna

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" **means land used** to grow grasses **or other herbaceous forage** naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species **suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant**;

Amendment

(h) "**pasture and** permanent grassland to grow **forage** grasses naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species **or features of importance for the classification of the land as pasture**;

Or. it

Amendment 432
Phil Bennion

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; **it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant**;

Amendment

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer, **except in the case of land converted to grassland as part of a certified Environmental Scheme or Greening Measure** ;

Or. en

Justification

Greening options which include grassing down of arable land will otherwise lose arable status after 5 years and the farmer will have to provide new greening options on other land, as the greening measures are only applied to arable land. This would be a progressive process if grass options in Environmental Schemes or Ecological Focus Area are used at all, eventually resulting in a progressive re-classification of land as permanent pasture.

Amendment 433
Marita Ulvskog, Göran Färm, Åsa Westlund

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'permanent **grassland**' means land used to grow grasses or other **herbaceous** forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species **suitable for grazing** provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) 'permanent **pasture** means land used to grow grasses or other forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species **which can be grazed** provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant; **Member States may decide to include land which can be grazed and which forms part of established local practices where grass and other herbaceous forage are traditionally not predominant in grazing areas;**

Or. en

Justification

The amendment allows even more flexibility for grasslands to have different characteristics, which is necessary when grasslands really are very different in character.

Amendment 434
Diane Dodds, James Nicholson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include

Amendment

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include

other species *suitable for grazing* provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

other species *which can be grazed* provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant. ***Member States may decide to include land which can be grazed and which forms part of established local practices where grasses and other herbaceous forage are traditionally not predominant in grazing areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 435
James Nicholson, Struan Stevenson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species *suitable for grazing* provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant; ***Member states may decide to include land which can be grazed and which forms part of established local practices where grasses and other herbaceous forage are traditionally not predominant in grazing areas;***

Or. en

Justification

In some areas, heather may be grazed and this forms part of established local practices. This land should be included within the permanent grassland definition.

Amendment 436
Christel Schaldemose

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species *suitable for grazing* provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant. ***Member States may decide to include land which can be grazed and which forms part of established local practices where grasses and other herbaceous forage are traditionally not predominant in grazing areas;***

Or. en

Justification

Member states should be allowed to include areas with a limited but scattered occurrence of weed such as thistles, if not it may lead to an exclusion of many otherwise eligible areas. Furthermore it should be possible for Member States to take into account established practices concerning the nature of permanent grassland.

Amendment 437
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding

Amendment

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous ***or ligneous*** forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the

for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant; ***Member States may decide to include land which can be grazed and which forms part of established local practices where grasses and other herbaceous or ligneous forage are traditionally not predominant in grazing areas.***

Or. en

Amendment 438
Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other ***herbaceous*** forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; ***it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;***

Amendment

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other forage ***plants (herbaceous shrubs and/or trees) suitable for grazing,*** naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown), and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; ***it may include relatively unproductive land such as pastoral areas, moorland, scrubland trails and summer and mountain pastures;***

Or. fr

Amendment 439
Alyn Smith

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'permanent ***grassland***' means land used

Amendment

(h) 'permanent ***pasture***' means land used

to grow grasses or other **herbaceous** forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing **provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant**;

to grow grasses or other forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing **or features of importance for the characterisation of the land as permanent pasture. Member States or regions may decide to allow for long rotational cropping at intervals of 5 years or more where such traditional practices are beneficial to the environment.**

Or. en

Amendment 440

Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Gabriel Mato Adrover, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other **species** suitable for grazing provided that **the** grasses and other herbaceous forage **remain** predominant;

Amendment

h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other **areas** suitable for grazing, provided that **they have traditionally been used as grassland, even if** grasses and other herbaceous forage **are not** predominant;

Or. es

Justification

The definition in the Commission proposal could cause difficulties when it comes to Mediterranean ecosystems that are very suitable for grazing, such as traditional dehesa grazing lands (where holm oak grows, a species which produces food which animals can eat) and mountain pastures. For this reason, the scope of the definition should be enlarged to include areas that have proven themselves to be suitable for grazing because they have

traditionally been used for that purpose, even if herbaceous species are not predominant.

Amendment 441

James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Struan Stevenson

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has ***either*** not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer ***or has been reseeded with similar or the same grass or forage for five years or longer***; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant ***including, for example, heather***;

Or. en

Amendment 442

Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has ***either*** not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer ***or has been reseeded with similar or the same grass or forage for five years or longer***; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant

including, for example, heather;

Or. en

Amendment 443

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species *suitable* for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species *that can be used* for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Or. es

Justification

The definition in the Commission proposal does not provide for Mediterranean ecosystems that are very suitable for grazing, such as traditional dehesa grazing lands (where holm oak grows, a species which produces food which animals can eat) and mountain pastures. The amendment broadens the concept so that it also includes species which, although not necessarily suitable for grazing, nonetheless provide a source of food for livestock.

Amendment 444

Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through

Amendment

h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through

cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species *suitable* for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species *that can be used* for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Or. es

Justification

Enables ecosystems suitable for grazing, such as mountain pastures, to be incorporated into the definition. The original definition is too narrow.

Amendment 445 **Jens Rohde**

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) 'permanent grassland' means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer, ***including areas that has been ploughed and re-established with grass after six years or longer, and excluding areas with growing restrictions due to the implementation of Natura 2000, Water framework and Nitrates directives***; it may include other species ***not*** suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Or. en

Justification

It should be allowed to plough and re-establish permanent grassland in order to maintain a high production of fodder from the field.

Amendment 446
Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant;

Amendment

(h) "permanent grassland" means land used to grow grasses or other herbaceous forage naturally (self-seeded) or through cultivation (sown) and that has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for five years or longer; it may include other species suitable for grazing provided that the grasses and other herbaceous forage remain predominant; ***grass verges covered by agro-environmental measures such as those specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR] will be excluded;***

Or. fr

Justification

The provisions as they stand mean that a grass verge left in place becomes permanent grassland after five years. The amendment is designed to avoid that.

Amendment 447
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h a) "ecological infrastructure"; elements of landscape, agro-forestry, biodiversity, water and soil management, biotopes, etc which stabilise and enhance agro-ecological farming practices and environmental management system;

Justification

To increase functional biodiversity and therefore agro-ecosystem functioning/public good provision. Landscape elements (hedges, ditches, wetlands and other semi-natural habitat fragments, etc) would be included with buffer strips to create agro-ecological infrastructures (habitat reservoirs for pollinators and predators of pests, catch-cover for excess runoff to protect waterways and promote groundwater recharge, protection from soil erosion, or regulating water and nutrient balance).

Amendment 448
Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h a) "agro-ecological infrastructure"; elements of landscape including hedges, ponds, terraces and bufferstrips, agro-forestry, biodiversity, water and soil management, biotopes, etc which stabilise and enhance agro-ecological farming practices and environmental management system;

Or. en

Amendment 449
Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h a) "High Nature Value farmland": areas with a specifically high diversity of species and habitat, low intensity farming practices and high proportion of natural vegetation;

Amendment 450
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(h a) "High Nature Value farming":
farming systems that host farming
activities and farmland that, because of
their characteristics, can be expected to
support high levels of biodiversity or
species and habitats of conservation
concern. These systems are characterised
by low intensity farming and high
proportions of natural or semi-natural
vegetation. It may also be characterised by
a high diversity of land cover.***

Amendment 451
Rareş-Lucian Niculescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(h a) "High Nature Value Farming":
farming systems that host farming
activities and farmland that, because of
their characteristics, can be expected to
support high levels of biodiversity or
species and habitats of conservation
concern. These systems are characterized
by low intensity farming and high
proportions of natural or semi-natural
vegetation. It may also be characterized by
a high diversity of land cover.***

Amendment 452

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ha) 'high nature value agricultural system' means areas in which agriculture sustains or is associated with a wide variety of species and habitats or with the presence of species facing conservation problems;

Or. es

Amendment 453

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ha) 'high nature value agricultural system' means areas predominantly in Europe in which agriculture sustains or is associated with a wide variety of species and habitats or with the presence of species facing conservation problems;

Or. es

Amendment 454

Ivari Padar

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(h a) 'historical pasture and meadow':
land traditionally used to grow grasses or
other forage that has not been ploughed
or reseeded for seven years or longer and
includes all species which can be grazed
or harvested for animal fodder***

Or. en

Amendment 455

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) "grasses or other ***herbaceous*** forage" means all herbaceous ***plants traditionally found in natural*** pastures or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (***whether or not used for grazing animals***);

(i) "grasses or other forage ***resources***" means all herbaceous, ***fruit-bearing or woody feed resources found and traditionally utilised in semi-natural*** pastures or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State;

Or. fr

Justification

This definition allows extensive pastures to be taken into account, where a variety of forage resources is used to nourish cows, sheep and goats. It also covers the types of vegetation used for livestock rearing that is found in the various vegetation zones from the Mediterranean to the North. Therefore such grazing lands should be considered as eligible even if they do contain scrub, shrubs and trees.

Amendment 456

Michel Dantin

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) "grasses or other **herbaceous** forage" means all **herbaceous** plants traditionally found in **natural pastures** or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether or not used for grazing animals);

Amendment

(i) "grasses or other forage" means all plants traditionally found in **naturally grazed areas** or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether or not used for grazing animals);

Or. fr

Amendment 457
Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) "grasses or other **herbaceous** forage" means all **herbaceous** plants traditionally found in **natural pastures** or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether or not used for grazing animals);

Amendment

(i) "grasses or other forage" means all plants traditionally found in **naturally grazed areas** or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether or not used for grazing animals);

Or. fr

Amendment 458
Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) "grasses or other herbaceous forage" means all herbaceous plants traditionally found in **natural pastures** or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether

Amendment

(i) "grasses or other herbaceous forage" means all plants traditionally found in **naturally grazed areas** or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether

or not used for grazing animals);

or not used for grazing animals);

Or. fr

Amendment 459

Jens Rohde

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) ‘grasses or other herbaceous forage’ means all **herbaceous** plants traditionally found in natural pastures or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether or not used for grazing animals);

Amendment

(i) "**grasses or other herbaceous forage**": all plants ***eaten by grazing animals and*** traditionally found in natural pastures or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether or not used for grazing animals);

Or. en

Justification

All plants suitable for grazing should be a natural part of permanent pastures.

Amendment 460

Ulrike Rodust

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) "grasses or other herbaceous forage" means all herbaceous plants traditionally found in natural pastures or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether or not used for grazing animals);

Amendment

(i) "grasses or other herbaceous forage" means all herbaceous plants traditionally found in natural pastures or normally included in mixtures of seeds for pastures or meadows in the Member State (whether or not used for grazing animals); ***the definition also covers low-growing shrubs, reeds, rushes, sedges and other plants of no or little value as fodder;***

Amendment 461
Mariya Gabriel

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i a) "uncultivated land": all areas that are not agriculturally managed but does not include permanent pastures, meadows or land temporarily taken out of production;

Or. en

Amendment 462
Phil Prendergast

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. "Uncultivated land": all areas that are not agriculturally managed but does not include permanent pastures, meadows or land temporarily taken out of production.

Or. en

Amendment 463
James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(i a) 'Semi natural and uncultivated land':
land {afforded protection under}EIA
Directive (85/337/EEC)***

Or. en

Amendment 464
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point j – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

j) 'nurseries' means the following areas of young ligneous (woody) plants grown in the open air for subsequent transplantation:

j) 'nurseries' means the following areas of young ligneous (woody) ***or herbaceous*** plants grown in the open air for subsequent transplantation:

Or. es

Amendment 465
Elisabeth Jeggle

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point j a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ja) “traditional orchards” means land on which fruit trees grow that is of environmental and cultural importance;

Or. de

Amendment 466
João Ferreira, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(k) “short rotation coppice” means areas planted with tree species of CN code 06029041 to be defined by Member States, that consist of woody, perennial crops, the rootstock or stools remaining in the ground after harvesting, with new shoots emerging in the following season and with a maximum harvest cycle to be determined by the Member States.

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Or. pt

Amendment 467

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

k) 'short rotation coppice' means areas planted with tree species of CN code 06029041 to be defined by Member States, that consist of woody, perennial crops, the rootstock or stools remaining in the ground after harvesting, with new shoots emerging in the following season and with a maximum harvest cycle to be determined by the Member States.

k) *(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. es

Amendment 468

Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Gabriel Mato Adrover, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission

k) 'short rotation coppice' means areas planted with tree species of CN code 06029041 to be defined by Member States, that consist of woody, perennial crops, the rootstock or stools remaining in the ground after harvesting, with new shoots emerging in the following season and with a maximum harvest cycle to be determined by the Member States.

Amendment

k) *(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. es

Justification

(Does not affect English version.)

Amendment 469
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k

Text proposed by the Commission

k) 'short rotation coppice' means areas planted with tree species of CN code 06029041 to be defined by Member States, that consist of woody, perennial crops, the rootstock or stools remaining in the ground after harvesting, with new shoots emerging in the following season and with a maximum harvest cycle to be determined by the Member States.

Amendment

k) 'short rotation coppice' means areas planted with tree species of CN code 06 02 9041 to be defined by ***the competent authorities of the*** Member States, ***and*** that consist of woody, perennial crops, the rootstock or stools remaining in the ground after harvesting, with new shoots emerging in the following season and with a maximum harvest cycle to be determined by the Member States.

Or. es

Amendment 470
Carlo Fidanza, Giancarlo Scottà

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ka) “poplar plantations” means areas planted with tree species of the genus Populus spp with a harvest cycle of no more than 15 years;

Or. it

Amendment 471
James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(k a) "multiannual crops": non rotational crops other than permanent grassland and permanent crops that occupy the land for five years or less and yield repeated harvests

Or. en

Amendment 472
Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(k a) "multiannual crops": non-rotational crops other than permanent grassland and permanent crops that occupy the land for five years or less and yield repeated harvests.

Or. en

Amendment 473

Salvador Sedó i Alabart, Raimon Obiols, Maria Badia i Cutchet, Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ka) 'arable or cultivable land' means all agricultural areas included in the subcategories described in point II of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008.

Or. es

Justification

A definition of 'arable land' should be added so that it is clear that it does not encompass permanent crops. The concept of 'arable land' in Article 29(1) of the Spanish version of the proposal for a regulation on direct payments has also been mistranslated.

Amendment 474

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(k a) "new entrant": a natural or legal person or a group of natural or legal persons, whatever legal status is granted to the group and its members by national law, whose agricultural activity is situated within the Union territory as defined in Art 52 of the treaty on the European Union and who newly starts an agricultural activity, alone or in cooperation with other farmers or new entrants as defined in Article 4 (1) a of

this regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 475
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ka) 'land stewardship' means all legal strategies or techniques which involve the owners and users of the land in the conservation and use of its natural, cultural and landscape assets and resources;

Or. es

Amendment 476
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ka) 'environmental public goods' means the environmental goods in ecosystems which ensure the functioning of those ecosystems and are important for the wellbeing of individuals and societies as a whole.

Or. es

Amendment 477
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ka) 'environmental public services' means the environmental services in ecosystems which ensure the functioning of those ecosystems and are important for the wellbeing of individuals and societies as a whole.

Or. es

Amendment 478
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 for the purposes of:

deleted

a) laying down further definitions regarding the access to support under this Regulation;

b) establishing the framework within which Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

c) establishing the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1;

d) establishing the criteria to determine the predominance of grasses and other herbaceous forage for the purpose of point (h) of paragraph 1.

Amendment 479

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

a) laying down further definitions regarding the access to support under this Regulation;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 480

Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

a) laying down further definitions regarding the access to support under this Regulation;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 481

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

b) establishing the framework within which Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for

deleted

grazing or cultivation;

Or. es

Amendment 482

Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Gabriel Mato Adrover, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

b) establishing the framework within which Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 483

Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

b) establishing the framework within which Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 484

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) establishing the framework *within which Member States shall define* the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

(b) establishing the framework *defining* the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Or. en

Amendment 485

Mairead McGuinness, Michel Dantin, Petri Sarvamaa, Elisabeth Jeggle, Mariya Gabriel, Giovanni La Via, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) establishing the *framework* within which Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Amendment

(b) establishing the *criteria* within which Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

Or. en

Amendment 486

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

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

Text proposed by the Commission

c) establishing the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1;

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 487
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

c) establishing the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1; *deleted*

Or. es

Amendment 488
Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Gabriel Mato Adrover, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

c) establishing the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1; *deleted*

Or. es

Amendment 489
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) establishing the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation *as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1;*

Amendment

(c) establishing the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation *and in good agricultural and environmental condition;*

Or. en

Amendment 490
George Lyon, Phil Bennion, Marit Paulsen, Marielle de Sarnez

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) establishing the criteria to determine the predominance of grasses and other herbaceous forage *for the purpose of* point (h) of paragraph 1.

Amendment

(d) establishing the criteria to determine the predominance of grasses and other herbaceous forage *and the criteria to determine the established local practices referred to in* point (h) of paragraph 1.

Or. en

Amendment 491
Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

d) establishing the criteria to determine the predominance of grasses and other herbaceous forage for the purpose of point (h) of paragraph 1.

Amendment

d) *(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. es

Amendment 492
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

d) establishing the criteria to determine the predominance of grasses and other herbaceous forage for the purpose of point (h) of paragraph 1.

d) *(Does not affect English version.)*

Or. es

Justification

(Does not affect English version.)

Amendment 493
Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Annex (...) of this Regulations sets out

(a) the framework within which Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

(b) the framework within which Member States are to define the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1.

Justification

The basic act should set out the framework within which Member States should define 'minimum activities' and a framework within which Member States should determine the criteria for maintaining the area in a state suitable for production. The Commission should determine the criteria during the negotiation process.

Amendment 494

Esther Herranz García, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Pilar Ayuso, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Annex (...) of this Regulation sets out

(a) the framework within which Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

(b) the framework within which Member States are to define the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1.

Justification

The basic act should set out the framework within which Member States should define 'minimum activities' and a framework within which Member States should determine the criteria for maintaining the area in a state suitable for production.

Amendment 495

Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Annex (...) of this Regulation sets out

(a) the framework within which competent institutional authorities in accordance with the legislation of Member States shall define the minimum activities to be carried out on areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation;

(b) the framework within which Member States and, where appropriate, regional institutions, in accordance with Article 20 of this Regulation, are to define the criteria to be met by farmers in order to be deemed to have respected the obligation of maintaining the agricultural area in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation as referred to in point (c) of paragraph 1.

Or. es

Amendment 496
Agnès Le Brun

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. For each Member State and each year, the national ceiling comprising the total value of all allocated entitlements, of the national reserve and of the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 33, 35, 37 and 39 shall be as set out in Annex II.

1. For each Member State and each year, the national ceiling comprising the total value of all allocated entitlements, of the national reserve and of the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles **29(5b)**, 35, 37 and 39 shall be as set out in Annex II.

Or. fr

Amendment 497
Diane Dodds, James Nicholson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For each Member State and each year, the national ceiling comprising the total value of all allocated entitlements, of the national reserve and of the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 33, 35, 37 and 39 shall be as set out in Annex II.

Amendment

1. For each Member State and each year, the national ceiling comprising the total value of all allocated entitlements, of the national reserve and of the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 35, 37 and 39 shall be as set out in Annex II.

Or. en

Amendment 498
Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For each Member State and each year, the national ceiling comprising the total value of all allocated entitlements, of the national reserve and of the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 33, 35, 37 and 39 shall be as set out in Annex II.

Amendment

1. For each Member State and each year, the national ceiling comprising the total value of all allocated entitlements, of the national reserve and of the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 35, 37 and 39 shall be as set out in Annex II.

Or. fr

Amendment 499
Salvatore Caronna

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For each Member State and each year, the national ceiling comprising the total

Amendment

1. For each Member State and each year, the national ceiling comprising the total

value of all allocated entitlements, of the national reserve and of the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 33, 35, 37 and 39 shall be as set out in Annex II.

value of all allocated entitlements, of the national reserve and of the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 33, 35, 37, **37a** and 39 shall be as set out in Annex II.

Or. it

Justification

The risk management package should be moved to the first pillar (direct payments).

Amendment 500

Janusz Wojciechowski, James Nicholson, Hynek Fajmon

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Direct payments shall be distributed among Member States in such a way that each Member State receives, as an national ceiling, an amount corresponding to the number of hectares covered by direct-payment claims in 2013 multiplied by the average rate of direct payments in the whole of the European Union in 2013. Member States in which average direct payments per hectare, calculated on the basis of payments in 2013, exceed 110% of the average payments across the EU may apply additional payments from its national budget in an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the difference between the average amount of the direct payments in those countries and the EU average in 2013.

Or. en

Amendment 501

Hynek Fajmon

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Direct payments shall be distributed among Member States in such a way that each Member State receives, as an national ceiling, an amount corresponding to the number of hectares covered by direct-payment claims in 2013 multiplied by the average rate of direct payments in the whole of the European Union in 2013. Member States in which average direct payments per hectare, calculated on the basis of payments in 2013, exceed 110% of the average payments across the EU may apply additional payments from its national budget in an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the difference between the average amount of the direct payments in those countries and the EU average in 2013.

Or. en

Amendment 502
Marian-Jean Marinescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. The calculation of the national ceilings shall be carried out in such a way that each Member State below 2013 EU direct payment average shall recover until 2018 two thirds of the difference between EU 2013 average and the national 2013 level

Or. en

Justification

In order to achieve as much as possible a fairer system of allocation

Amendment 503

James Nicholson

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1 a. Where appropriate and in accordance with their constitutional arrangements, Member States may implement provisions of the common agricultural policy at regional level

Or. en

Amendment 504

Alyn Smith

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. In accordance with their constitutional arrangements, Member States may implement relevant provisions of this regulation at regional level. In that case, Member States shall define regions in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria and proceed to divide the national ceiling amongst the regions. Member States may also take all decisions referred to in this regulation at regional level and apply the financial provisions referred to in Articles 33, 35, 37, 39 and 51 to the regional ceilings, and apply the flexibility mechanism in Article 14 to the regional ceilings. Member States may also decide to establish regional

*reserves to manage the provisions of
Article 23.*

Or. en

Amendment 505

Jill Evans, Derek Vaughan, Kay Swinburne, John Bufton

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. In accordance with their constitutional arrangements, Member States may implement relevant provisions of this regulation at regional level. In that case, Member States shall define regions in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria and proceed to divide the national ceiling amongst the regions. Member States may also take all decisions referred to in this regulation at regional level and apply the financial provisions referred to in Articles 33, 35, 37, 39, and 51 to the regional ceilings. Member States may also decide to establish regional reserves

Or. en

Amendment 506

James Nicholson, Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. Member States may decide to apply this regulation at regional level. In that case, Member States shall define regions in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria and proceed to

divide the national ceiling amongst the regions. Member States may also take all decisions referred to in this regulation at regional level and apply the financial provisions referred to in Articles 33, 35, 37, 39, and 51 to the regional ceilings. Member States may also decide to establish regional reserves

Or. en

Justification

To allow for full regionalisation. All decisions reserved to Member States should be taken at regional level and all scalebacks should be applied to the regional ceiling. The national reserve should also operate at regional level, with regions being able to make their own decisions in terms of who should receive allocations and at what level.

Amendment 507
Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. Member States may decide to apply this regulation at regional level. In that case, Member States shall define regions in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria and proceed to divide the national ceiling amongst the regions. Member States may also take all decisions referred to in this regulation at regional level and apply the financial provisions referred to in Articles 33, 35, 37, 39, and 51 to the regional ceilings. Member States may also decide to establish regional reserves

Or. en

Amendment 508

James Nicholson, Anthea McIntyre, Richard Ashworth, Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, *after application of Article 11*, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Amendment

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 509

Robert Dušek

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, *after application of Article 11*, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Amendment

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 510

Hynek Fajmon

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, ***after application of Article 11***, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Amendment

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 511

Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, ***after application of Article 11***, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Amendment

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 512

Brian Simpson

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, ***after application of Article 11***, shall

Amendment

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, shall not be higher than the ceilings

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set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Or. en

Justification

The proposed provision is a barrier to increased competitiveness as it incentivises the splitting of farm structures signalling that structural enlargement is not desirable and inevitably leading to perverse effects on labour productivity. It would also hit various charities as it is an income support instrument that is not properly targeted at need. Moreover, it would impose further administrative burdens and would be problematic as regards the principle of equal treatment of beneficiaries.

Amendment 513

James Nicholson, Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, after application of Article 11, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Amendment

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, after application of Article 11, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation. ***For this purpose, Member States may divide the ceiling set out in Annex III of this Regulation amongst regions defined in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria.***

Or. en

Justification

To allow for regionalisation

Amendment 514

Alyn Smith

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, after application of Article 11, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Amendment

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, after application of Article 11, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation. ***For this purpose, Member States may divide the ceiling set out in Annex III of this Regulation amongst regions defined in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria.***

Or. en

Amendment 515
Jill Evans, Derek Vaughan, Kay Swinburne, John Bufton

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

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, after application of Article 11, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

Amendment

Without prejudice to Article 8, the total amount of direct payments which may be granted in a Member State pursuant to Titles III, IV and V in respect of a calendar year, after application of Article 11, shall not be higher than the ceilings set out in Annex III to this Regulation. ***For this purpose, Member States may divide the ceiling set out in Annex III of this Regulation amongst regions defined in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria.***

Or. en

Amendment 516

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR]. *deleted*

Or. es

Justification

This entire paragraph has been incorporated into Article 11 on capping.

Amendment 517

Esther Herranz García, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Pilar Ayuso, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural *deleted*

development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. es

Justification

This paragraph should be incorporated into Article 11, which focuses specifically on capping.

Amendment 518

James Nicholson, Vicky Ford, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre, Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR]. **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 519

Richard Ashworth, Vicky Ford

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as **deleted**

referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. en

Amendment 520
Robert Dušek

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

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Or. en

Amendment 521
Hynek Fajmon

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR]. *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 522
Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR]. *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 523
Brian Simpson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR]. *deleted*

Or. en

Justification

The proposed provision is a barrier to increased competitiveness as it incentivises the splitting of farm structures signalling that structural enlargement is not desirable and inevitably leading to perverse effects on labour productivity. It would also hit various charities as it is an income support instrument that is not properly targeted at need. Moreover, it would impose further administrative burdens and would be problematic as regards the principle of equal treatment of beneficiaries.

Amendment 524
Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as *deleted*

Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. es

Justification

It is better for this paragraph to be incorporated into the amendment tabled in relation to Article 11, which focuses specifically on capping, or, where appropriate, for it to be replaced by Amendment 3.

Amendment 525

João Ferreira, Patrick Le Hyaric, Inês Cristina Zuber, Willy Meyer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is ***made available*** as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is ***redistributed (a)*** as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR]; ***or***

(b) under Pillar I, provided that the object is to increase payments to small farmers.

Or. pt

Amendment 526

Alyn Smith

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support, ***either*** for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR], ***or for the National Reserve, to be used as entitlements for farmers who commenced their agricultural activities within the previous five years of being awarded the entitlement. Member States or regions shall decide on the use of the product of capping.***

Or. en

Amendment 527
Janusz Wojciechowski

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as ***Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].***

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as ***an increase in direct payments not subject to capping.***

Amendment 528

Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available **as Union support** for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available **in the Member State concerned** for measures under rural development programming **aimed at farmers or groups of farmers and** financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Amendment 529

Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Artur Zasada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union

support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

support for measures *to be chosen by the Member State* under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. en

Justification

Member state should have possibility to decide how the product of capping which is made available as support for measures under rural development programming will be spent.

Amendment 530 **James Nicholson, Julie Girling**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 7 – paragraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Amendment

2. For each Member State and each year, the estimated product of capping as referred to in Article 11, which is reflected by the difference between the national ceilings set out in Annex II, to which is added the amount available in accordance with Article 44, and the net ceilings set out in Annex III, is made available as Union support for measures under rural development programming *in the same Member state*, financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. en

Amendment 531 **Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 7 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Each year, each Member State may use unspent funds within the national ceilings established in Annex II, once the various payments have been made, to grant coupled support under Title V or, where appropriate, to offset deficits in any of the various payment areas or, where appropriate, for the creation of a common fund to be used should an unforeseen crisis arise in the sector.

Or. es

Justification

There is a need for flexibility in the use of the funds available in the various payment areas and the unspent funds remaining once annual payments have been made. This would enable surplus funds to be used to create a common fund in each Member State that could be used should an unforeseen crisis arise in the sector.

Amendment 532

João Ferreira, Willy Meyer, Inês Cristina Zuber

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The product referred to in paragraph 2 may be redistributed under Pillar I, provided that the object is to increase payments to small farmers.

Or. pt

Amendment 533

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 for the purpose of reviewing the ceilings set out in Annex III.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 for the purpose of reviewing the ceilings set out in Annex III ***to take account of the difference between the ceilings established in Annex II and actual budget outturn each financial year.***

Or. es

Justification

This amendment seeks to enable unspent funds from each budgetary year to be carried over for use in subsequent years. The mechanism would be similar to that applied in the 'health check' agreement and provided for in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Article 69 of Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009.

Amendment 534

Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Gabriel Mato Adrover, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) As from 2017, the Commission, when establishing the ceilings specified in Annex III, shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55, to take account of the difference between the ceilings established in Annex II and actual budget outturn in 2015 and 2016. That difference may be used for payments under Chapter 1 of Title IV.

Or. es

Justification

As from 2017, unspent funds from 2015 and 2016 should be taken into account and used to finance coupled support, reducing the basic amount needed to cover such support and

increasing overall funding, thereby improving the way in which funds are used.

Amendment 535
Martin Häusling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The adjustment rate determined in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] shall only apply to direct payments in excess of EUR 5 000 to be granted to farmers in the corresponding calendar year.

deleted

Or. en

Justification

The cross compliance rules should be mandatory for all farming systems.

Amendment 536
Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The adjustment rate determined in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] shall **only** apply to direct payments **in excess of EUR 5 000** to be granted to farmers in the corresponding calendar year.

1. The adjustment rate determined in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] shall apply to **all** direct payments to be granted to farmers in the corresponding calendar year.

Or. it

Amendment 537
Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The adjustment rate determined in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] shall **only** apply to **direct** payments **in excess of EUR 5 000** to be granted to farmers in the corresponding calendar year.

Amendment

1. The adjustment rate determined in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR] shall apply to **all** payments to be granted to farmers in the corresponding calendar year.

Or. es

Justification

In the interests of financial discipline, the adjustment rate should apply to all direct payments, rather than being limited solely to payments in excess of EUR 5 000.

Amendment 538
Robert Dušek

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 539
Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

Amendment

1. The Member States and regions shall be empowered to draw up their own legal framework and definitions, to ensure, where appropriate, that direct payments are granted only to farmers engaged in agricultural activities.

Or. en

Amendment 540
James Nicholson, Anthea McIntyre, Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

Amendment

1. The Member States shall be empowered to draw up their own legal framework and definitions, to ensure, where appropriate, that direct payments are granted only to farmers engaged in agricultural activities.

Or. en

Amendment 541
James Nicholson, Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to

Amendment

1. The Member States shall be empowered

natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

to draw up their own legal framework and definitions, to ensure, where appropriate, that direct payments are granted only to farmers engaged in agricultural activities.

Or. en

Amendment 542
Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. *No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:*

1. *The Member States shall be empowered to draw up their own legal framework and definitions, to ensure, where appropriate, that direct payments are granted only to farmers engaged in agricultural activities.*

Or. en

Amendment 543
Riikka Manner, Petri Sarvamaa, Sari Essayah, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. *No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:*

1. *Member States shall define 'active farmer' in their national legislation in line with the definition of 'agricultural activity' in Article 4(1)(c).*

Or. en

Justification

The Commission's proposal for a definition of 'active farmer' is not workable. The quantity of direct support does not in itself say anything about the activity of the farmer. The definition of 'active farmer' should be for the Member States to decide.

Amendment 544

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons where ***they do not carry out a minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c) of this Regulation.***

Or. es

Amendment 545

Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ***No*** direct payments ***shall be*** granted to natural or legal ***persons***, or ***to groups of natural or legal persons***, where ***one*** of the ***following applies***:

Amendment

1. ***Member States shall establish appropriate, objective and non-discriminatory criteria to ensure that no*** direct payments ***are*** granted to ***a*** natural or legal ***person***:

Or. en

Amendment 546

Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. ***No*** direct payments shall be granted ***to***

Amendment

1. Direct payments shall be granted ***only to***

natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

active farmers, who may be natural or legal persons. The Member States shall choose whether to exclude from classification as an “active farmer” persons in respect of whom one of the following applies:

Or. fr

Amendment 547

James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Julie Girling, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where *one of the following applies:*

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where the *Member state or region has established a list of activities relevant to land which is naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and no such activity is carried out.*

Or. en

Justification

This ensures that only where a member state or region wishes to withhold payments from this type of land and has established a list of activities that the prohibition on payment is triggered

Amendment 548

Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of

natural or legal persons, where *one of the following applies*:

natural or legal persons, where the *Member State or region has established a list of activities relevant to land which is naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and no such activity is carried out.*

Or. en

Amendment 549
Patrick Le Hyaric

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. *No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:*

1. *Member States shall choose to apply the provisions of at least one of following points, (a), (b), (c) or (d), so as not to grant direct payments to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:*

Or. fr

Amendment 550
Giancarlo Scottà, Carlo Fidanza, Vincenzo Iovine, Mara Bizzotto, Mario Borghezio, Lorenzo Fontana, Claudio Morganti, Fiorello Provera, Oreste Rossi, Matteo Salvini, Francesco Enrico Speroni, Lara Comi

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. *No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:*

1. *Member States shall decide to grant direct payments to farmers in one of the following cases:*

Or. it

Amendment 551

Esther Herranz García, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Pilar Ayuso, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to ***natural or*** legal persons, or to groups of ***natural or*** legal persons, ***where one of the following applies:***

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to legal persons, or to groups of legal persons ***which are placed on a 'negative list' partly drawn up at EU level, identifying non-active farmers. In addition, Member States shall be free to lay down additional non-discriminatory criteria to exclude applicants whose agricultural activities make up only an insignificant part of their turnover.***

Or. es

Justification

Under its definition of an active farmer, the Commission seeks to exclude beneficiaries whose business purpose is not, or only marginally, agricultural in nature, such as airports, rail companies, etc. This objective could be achieved more simply by excluding legal persons whose business purpose is entirely non-agricultural.

Amendment 552

Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, ***where one of the following applies:***

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons ***if they use less than half their agricultural land for agricultural activities and do not undertake on the areas not used for such activities any of the types of annual***

minimum activity to be established by the Member States. After having duly notified the Commission, the Member States may decide to exclude at the outset certain types of land use not comprising the exercise of an agricultural activity from eligibility for direct payments.

Or. de

Amendment 553
Robert Dušek

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, *where one* of the *following applies*:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, *whose main purpose of business is not agricultural activities, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria laid down by the Member State.*

Or. en

Amendment 554
Hynek Fajmon

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, *where one* of the *following applies*:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, *whose main purpose of business is not agricultural activities, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria laid down by the Member State.*

Amendment 555
Alfreds Rubiks

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies (*with the exception of producers in less favoured regions and products from various restricted areas*):

Or. lv

Amendment 556
Elisabeth Köstinger

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where *one of* the following applies:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where the following applies:

Or. de

Amendment 557
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to

natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, *where one of the following applies:*

natural or legal persons or to groups of natural or legal persons *who do not perform agricultural activity as defined in article 4 (1) c.*

Or. en

Justification

Definition of active farming should be related to the farming activity performed by the farmer, and not to non-agricultural income as suggested by the Commission. Furthermore the Commission proposal incurs massive administrative costs both for authorities and farmers, which should be avoided.

Amendment 558

Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Artur Zasada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, *where one of the following applies:*

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons,

Or. en

Amendment 559

Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, *where one of the following applies:*

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons:

Amendment 560
Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted **or transferred** to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

Or. es

Justification

By adding this requirement, not only would a potential influx of non-farming landowners be prevented, but also those non-farming landowners who are currently receiving payments would not be eligible under the new direct support scheme.

Amendment 561
Marita Ulvskog, Göran Färm, Åsa Westlund

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where **one of** the following applies:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where the following applies:

Or. en

Amendment 562
Christofer Fjellner

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where **one of** the following applies:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where the following applies:

Or. en

Amendment 563
Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. No direct payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

Amendment

1. No direct payments shall be granted **or transferred** to natural or legal persons, or to groups of natural or legal persons, where one of the following applies:

Or. es

Justification

By adding this requirement, not only would a potential influx of non-farming landowners be prevented, but also those non-farming landowners who are currently receiving payments would not be eligible under the new direct support scheme.

Amendment 564
Mairead McGuinness, Mariya Gabriel, Petri Sarvamaa, Giovanni La Via, Elisabeth Jeggle, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. **No direct** payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of

Amendment

1. **Direct** payments shall be granted to natural or legal persons, or to groups of

natural or legal persons, *where one of the following applies:*

natural or legal persons:

Or. en

Amendment 565

Mairead McGuinness, Mariya Gabriel, Giovanni La Via, Elisabeth Jeggle, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 566

James Nicholson, Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 567

Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 568

Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, João Ferreira, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 569

Riikka Manner, Sari Essayah, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or *deleted*

Or. en

Justification

The Commission's proposal for a definition of 'active farmer' is not workable. The quantity of

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; o **deleted**

Or. es

Amendment 573
Elisabeth Köstinger

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or **deleted**

Or. de

Justification

The Commission proposal would generally disadvantage enterprises that have participated to a relevant extent in agri-environment measures and will continue to do so. That should be avoided. The compulsorily multiannual nature of participation in agri-environment measures – as in organic farming – implies a fundamental long-term business decision and thus considerable added value in terms of greening.

Amendment 574
Hynek Fajmon

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 575

Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 576

Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Artur Zasada

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 577
James Nicholson, Kay Swinburne

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 578
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or **deleted**

Or. en

Justification

Definition of active farming should be related to the farming activity performed by the farmer, and not to non-agricultural income as suggested by the Commission. Furthermore the Commission proposal incurs massive administrative costs both for authorities and farmers, which should be avoided.

Amendment 579
Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5% of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or *deleted*

Or. pt

Amendment 580
Martin Häusling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 581
Christofer Fjellner

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 582
Mairead McGuinness, Mariya Gabriel, Petri Sarvamaa, Giovanni La Via, Elisabeth

Jeggle, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) *the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or*

Amendment

(a) *who carry out an agricultural activity, or maintain land in good agricultural and environmental condition, in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, or*

Or. en

Amendment 583

Alyn Smith

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) *the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or*

Amendment

(a) *who do not rear or grow agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes; or*

Or. en

Amendment 584

James Nicholson, Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) *the annual amount of direct payments is less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; or*

Amendment

(a) *who do not rear or grow agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes; or*

Or. en

Amendment 585

James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the *annual amount* of *direct payments* is *less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year*; or

Amendment

(a) the *agricultural area* of *a holding* is *used for a prohibited non agricultural activity*; or

Or. en

Amendment 586

Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the *annual amount* of *direct payments* is *less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year*; or

Amendment

(a) the *agricultural area* of *a holding* is *used for a prohibited non agricultural activity*; or

Or. en

Amendment 587

Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

a) *the annual amount* of *direct payments* is *less than 5 % of the total receipts they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year*;

Amendment

a) *they do not participate, regularly and actively, in the management or running of a holding or have not engaged in agricultural activity in 2011; Member*

States shall determine the criteria for defining such participation;

Or. es

Justification

By adding this requirement, not only would a potential influx of non-farming landowners be prevented, but also those non-farming landowners who are currently receiving payments would not be eligible under the new direct support scheme.

Amendment 588

Giancarlo Scottà, Vincenzo Iovine, Mara Bizzotto, Mario Borghezio, Lorenzo Fontana, Claudio Morganti, Fiorello Provera, Oreste Rossi, Matteo Salvini, Francesco Enrico Speroni, Lara Comi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is ***less*** than 5 % of the total ***receipts*** they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year; ***or***

Amendment

(a) the annual amount of direct payments is ***more*** than 5 % of the total ***income*** they obtained from non-agricultural activities in the most recent fiscal year;

Or. it

Amendment 589

Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a a) whose agricultural activities form only an insignificant part of its overall economic activities; or

Or. en

Amendment 590
Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(aa) they appear on a list of entities
and/or situations disqualifying them from
benefiting under the CAP; or***

Or. pt

Amendment 591
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(aa) their agricultural activities do not
account for a significant proportion of
their overall economic activities; this
proportion shall be determined by the
competent State or regional authorities.***

Or. es

Amendment 592
Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point a b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(a b) whose principal business or
company objects do not consist of
exercising an agricultural activity; or***

Or. en

Amendment 593

Mairead McGuinness, Mariya Gabriel, Petri Sarvamaa, Giovanni La Via, Elisabeth Jeggle, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c). **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 594

Esther Herranz García, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Pilar Ayuso, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c). **deleted**

Or. es

Justification

The amendment seeks to delete this paragraph, on account of the enforcement problems highlighted by the Court of Auditors. We agree that it would be very difficult to enforce this requirement.

Amendment 595
James Nicholson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c). *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 596
Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Britta Reimers, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c). *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 597
Riikka Manner, Sari Essayah, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for *deleted*

grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Or. en

Justification

The Commission's proposal for a definition of 'active farmer' is not workable. The quantity of direct support does not in itself say anything about the activity of the farmer. The definition of 'active farmer' should be for the Member States to decide.

Amendment 598

Iratxe García Pérez, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Alejandro Cercas, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c). **deleted**

Or. es

Amendment 599

Hynek Fajmon

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in **deleted**

accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Or. en

Amendment 600

Diane Dodds

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c). **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 601

Jens Rohde

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c). **deleted**

Or. en

Justification

Definition of active farming should be related to the farming activity performed by the farmer, and not to non-agricultural income as suggested by the Commission. Furthermore the Commission proposal incurs massive administrative costs both for authorities and farmers,

which should be avoided.

Amendment 602

James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and *they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).*

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and *the land is not used for rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milling, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes.*

Or. en

Amendment 603

Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and *they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).*

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and *the land is not used for rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milling, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes.*

Or. en

Amendment 604

James Nicholson, Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ***their*** agricultural areas are mainly areas ***naturally*** kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation ***and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).***

Amendment

(b) ***whose*** agricultural areas are ***not*** mainly areas kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation ***or***

Or. en

Amendment 605
Martin Häusling
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ***their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and*** they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity ***established by Member States*** in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Amendment

(b) they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Or. en

Justification

Land "naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation" is difficult to qualify, and it is questionable whether this is at all widespread in agricultural systems, which are not natural but (can be) semi-natural. For example, ecological processes such as seral succession result in over-growth of areas by scrubby species, which can offset by grazing pressure.

Amendment 606
Jim Higgins, Seán Kelly

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c). ***Taking account of geographical differences and varying farming types member states should determine that pastoral farmers have a meaningful stocking density and that arable farmers have a meaningful crop production.***

Or. en

Justification

Member states should adopt objective criteria to ensure that active farmers and not inactive land owners benefit from Union support.

Amendment 607
Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Amendment

b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States ***or, where applicable, the regions*** in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Or. es

Amendment 608
Alyn Smith

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States *or regions* in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Or. en

Amendment 609
Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Artur Zasada

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) *their* agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and *they* do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Amendment

(b) *whose* agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and *who* do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Or. en

Amendment 610
Giancarlo Scottà, Carlo Fidanza, Vincenzo Iovine, Mara Bizzotto, Mario Borghezio, Lorenzo Fontana, Claudio Morganti, Fiorello Provera, Oreste Rossi, Matteo Salvini, Francesco Enrico Speroni, Lara Comi

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States ***in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).***

Amendment

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States;

Or. it

Justification

In accordance with the subsidiarity principle, it must be left to Member States to define the term 'active farmer'.

Amendment 611
Carlo Fidanza

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) their agricultural areas are mainly areas naturally kept in a state suitable for grazing or cultivation and they do not carry out on those areas the minimum activity established by Member States in accordance with Article 4(1)(c).

Amendment

(Does not affect English version.)

Or. it