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# AMENDMENTS

## 1581 - 1883

**Draft report**

**Luis Manuel Capoulas Santos**

(PE474.052v01)

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 1581**

**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 30 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the definition of ‘crop’ and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops.**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 1582**

**Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Janusz Wojciechowski**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 30 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 *laying down the definition of ‘crop’* and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops.**

**2. In order to ensure that the obligations referred to the crop diversification measure are applied in a proportionate and non-discriminatory way and lead to an enhanced environmental protection, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 *in order to add other type of crops to those defined in paragraph (1b) of this Article* and to establish the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1583**

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

## Zamora

### Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the definition of 'crop' and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops.

#### *Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with **the provisions of** Article 55 laying down the definition of 'crop' and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops, **bearing in mind that fallow land shall be treated as a crop for the purposes of diversification, and better identifying the types of ecological focus area described in paragraph 1 of this Article, as well as adding and identifying other types of ecological focus area which may be taken into account when meeting the percentage given in paragraph 1.**

Or. es

#### *Justification*

*It is considered appropriate to include the list of crops in an annex. However, fallow land should be treated as a crop.*

### Amendment 1584

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

### Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the definition of 'crop' and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops.

#### *Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the definition of 'crop' and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops, **bearing in mind that fallow land shall be treated as a crop**

*for the purposes of diversification, and better identifying the types of ecological focus area described in paragraph 1 of this Article, as well as adding and identifying other types of ecological focus area which may be taken into account when meeting the percentage given in paragraph 1.*

Or. es

**Amendment 1585**

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

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 30 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 *laying down the definition of 'crop'* and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 *in order to add other crops to those listed in paragraph 1b and to establish* the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops.

Or. it

**Amendment 1586**

**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 30 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the definition of 'crop' and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the definition of 'crop' and '*agronomic balance*' and the rules concerning the application of the

shares of different crops.

precise calculation of shares of different crops.

Or. fr

**Amendment 1587**

**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 30 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the definition of ‘crop’ ***and the rules concerning the application of the precise calculation of shares of different crops.***

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the definition of ‘crop’.

Or. en

**Amendment 1588**

**Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 30 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Where the arable land is cultivated in conjunction with other arable land in different ownership under a block cropping arrangement the requirements in paragraph 1 shall apply as if all the arable land subject to the arrangement were one area of arable land under the control of one farmer.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1589**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 30 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Member States may exempt farmers from their obligations under this paragraph if due to adverse weather conditions or to other natural disaster they not able to comply with them.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1590**  
**James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 31***

***deleted***

***Permanent grassland***

***1. Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.***

***The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.***

***2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force***

*majeure or exceptional circumstances.*

**3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1591**

**Britta Reimers**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 31*

*deleted*

*Permanent grassland*

**1. Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland”.**

**The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.**

**2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas**



*under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.*

*3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.*

Or. de

*Justification*

*To achieve environmental benefits there is a need for a differentiated approach by regions and measures, not across-the-board removal of fields from cultivation. Accordingly, agri-environmental measures should concentrate on the 2nd pillar. Under this article, the competitiveness of farms and the essential contribution they can make to counteracting worldwide food shortages would be significantly reduced; regions with falling cattle stocks lack alternative uses for grassland.*

**Amendment 1592**  
**Izaskun Bilbao Barandica**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 31*

*deleted*

*Permanent grassland*

*1. Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014,*

*hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland”.*

*The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.*

*2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.*

*3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.*

Or. es

**Amendment 1593**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 31*

*deleted*

*Permanent grassland*

*1. Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made*

*pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.*

*2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.*

*3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1594**

**Martin Häusling**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Permanent *grassland*

Permanent *pasture*

Or. en

**Amendment 1595**  
**Spyros Danellis, Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Permanent *grassland*

Permanent *pastures*

Or. en

**Amendment 1596**  
**James Nicholson, Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Permanent grassland

Permanent grassland *and pasture*

Or. en

**Amendment 1597**  
**Mairead McGuinness, Elisabeth Jeggle, Herbert Dorfmann, Mariya Gabriel, Giovanni La Via, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Permanent grassland

Permanent grassland *and pasture and permanent crops*

Or. en

**Amendment 1598**  
**Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Permanent grassland

Permanent grassland *and pasture*

Or. fr

**Amendment 1599**  
**Carlo Fidanza, Giancarlo Scottà**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Permanent grassland

Permanent grassland *and pasture*

Or. it

**Amendment 1600**  
**Salvatore Caronna**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Permanent grassland

*Pasture and* permanent grassland

Or. it

**Amendment 1601**  
**Petri Sarvamaa, Liisa Jaakonsaari**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Permanent grassland

**Temporary and** Permanent grassland

Or. en

**Amendment 1602**

**Robert Dušek**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1603**

**Herbert Dorfmann**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland”.*

*Where the agricultural area, excluding areas under permanent grassland, covers more than 15 hectares, farmers shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2) is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, land under permanent crops, terraces, landscape features such as hedges or stone walls, buffer strips, land cultivated with crops under water for a significant part of the growing cycle, land*

*under soil-improving crops such as pulses and afforested areas as referred to in Article 25(2)(b)(ii).*

Or. it

**Amendment 1604**

**Riikka Manner, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Sari Essayah, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall ensure that the total area of permanent grassland is maintained at the Member State and regional level.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*In order to prevent problems with red tape and monitoring, it is better to consider the amount of permanent grassland at the level of the whole Member State rather than the individual farm.*

**Amendment 1605**

**Petri Sarvamaa, Liisa Jaakonsaari**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014,*

*Amendment*

*Member states shall ensure that the total area of temporary or permanent grassland is maintained at the Member State and regional level.*

*hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1606**  
**Hynek Fajmon**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall ensure that agricultural land which was under permanent grassland for claim year 2014 is maintained under permanent grassland.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1607**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall take steps to maintain the ratio between the area under permanent grassland and pasture and the total agricultural area. This obligation shall apply at national or regional level.*

Or. fr



**Amendment 1608**

**Mairead McGuinness, Elisabeth Jeggle, Mariya Gabriel, Herbert Dorfmann, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall ensure that the ratio of the land under permanent grassland is maintained, within defined limits, in relation to the total agricultural area. That obligation shall apply at national or regional level.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1609**

**Liam Aylward, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall ensure that the ratio of the land under permanent grassland is maintained, within defined limits, in relation to the total agricultural area . That obligation shall apply at national or regional level.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is overly restrictive to apply the requirement to maintain permanent grassland at individual farmer level. It is therefore proposed that it should be applied at national or regional level.*

**Amendment 1610**

**Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Janusz Wojciechowski**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall ensure the maintenance of the ratio of permanent grassland to total agricultural land. This obligation applies at the national or regional level.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1611**

**Jens Rohde**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.*

*Amendment*

*Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings which have specific value for environment, climate or biodiversity. For the purpose of this paragraph, "permanent grassland" means land defined in Article 4(1)(h) which has neither been included in the crop rotation of the holding nor been ploughed for 10 years or longer*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Only the most bio-diverse permanent pastures should be protected by the greening component.*

**Amendment 1612**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain ***as permanent grassland*** the areas of their holdings declared as ***such in*** the application made pursuant to ***Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland”***.

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain ***in good agricultural and environmental condition*** the areas of their holdings declared as permanent grassland in the application made ***each*** year.

Or. es

*Justification*

*It is understood that the greening commitment in relation to permanent pastures needs to be fulfilled at individual level by maintaining such areas in good condition. The concept of ‘maintenance’ thus needs to be understood as a time-related process. In this way, the farmer will be able to observe greening in terms of the areas of permanent grassland declared each year for which the commitment to keep them in good condition has been fulfilled.*

**Amendment 1613**

**James Nicholson, Anthea McIntyre, Robert Sturdy, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain ***as permanent grassland the*** areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas ***under permanent grassland***’.

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain areas of ***semi natural and uncultivated land present on*** their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas ***of semi natural and uncultivated land***’.

Or. en

**Amendment 1614**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain *as permanent grassland the* areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas *under permanent grassland*’.

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain areas of *semi natural and uncultivated land present on* their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas *of semi natural uncultivated land*”.

Or. en

**Amendment 1615**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Farmers* shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas *of their holdings* declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.

*Amendment*

*The Member States* shall maintain as permanent grassland *a number of hectares which is equivalent to* the areas declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.

Or. en

**Amendment 1616**  
**Martin Häusling**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent **grassland** the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year **2014**, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent **grassland**’.

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent **pasture** the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year **2011**, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent **pasture**’.

Or. en

**Amendment 1617**  
**Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland **and pasture** the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland **and pasture**’.

Or. fr

**Amendment 1618**  
**Carlo Fidanza, Giancarlo Scottà**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland **and pasture** the areas of their

declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland”.

holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland *and pasture*”.

Or. it

**Amendment 1619**  
**Spyros Danellis, Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent ***grassland*** the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent ***grassland***’.

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent ***pastures*** the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent ***pastures***’.

Or. en

**Amendment 1620**  
**Salvatore Caronna**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland”.

*Amendment*

***I.*** Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland ***and pasture*** the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland ***and pasture***”.

**Amendment 1621**  
**Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as “reference areas under permanent grassland”.

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland ***or historical pastures*** the areas of their holdings declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’. ***For this purpose, they shall be required to demonstrate the presence of cattle amounting to a stocking density of one livestock unit per hectare of eligible grassland or, if no animals are present, to show that maintenance activities such as mowing and clearing are being carried out.***

*Justification*

*We consider it necessary to establish a link between the area of grassland and agrarian-livestock activities or, where applicable, the requirement that certain agricultural practices be carried out in order to prevent its deterioration and abandonment.*

**Amendment 1622**  
**Ulrike Rodust**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings

*Amendment*

Farmers shall maintain as permanent grassland the areas of their holdings

declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’.

declared as such in the application made pursuant to Article 74(1) of Regulation (EU) No XXX (HZ) for claim year 2014, hereinafter referred to as ‘reference areas under permanent grassland’. ***Permanent grassland that has been converted to arable land between 2011 and the year 2014, has to be reseeded, if environmental reasons require this.***

Or. en

### **Amendment 1623**

**Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Janusz Wojciechowski**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The Member States, which joined the UE before 2004, shall ensure that land which was under permanent pasture at the date provided for the area aid applications for 2003 is maintained under permanent pasture.***

***The new Member States, which joined the UE in 2004, shall ensure that land which was under permanent pasture on 1 May 2004 is maintained under permanent pasture.***

***Bulgaria and Romania shall ensure that land which was under permanent pasture on 1 January 2007 is maintained under permanent pasture.***

***Member States shall guarantee that the proportion as referred in the first paragraph (hereinafter referred to as the reference index), it was not reduced by more than 10% to the detriment of area under permanent grassland in relation to the relevant reference year as referred to in the preceding paragraph.***



*The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to land under permanent grassland to be afforested, if such afforestation is compatible with the environment and with the exclusion of plantations of Christmas trees and fast growing copies cultivated in the short term.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1624**  
**Robert Dušek**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall ensure that agricultural land which was under permanent grassland for claim year 2014 is maintained under permanent grassland.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1625**  
**Sandra Kalniete, Vytautas Landsbergis, Kārlis Šadurskis, Ivari Padar, Roberts Zīle, Krišjānis Kariņš, Ivars Godmanis, Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė, Algirdas Saudargas, Tunne Kelam, Kristiina Ojuland, Inese Vaidere**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall ensure the maintenance of the ratio of the land under permanent grassland in relation to the total agricultural area. That obligation shall apply at national or regional level. The reference ratio shall be established as relation between the land under permanent grassland and total agricultural area declared by the farmers*

*in 2014.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1626**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Member States shall ensure the maintenance of the ratio of the land under permanent grassland in relation to the total agricultural area. That obligation shall apply at national or regional level. The reference ratio shall be established as relation between the land under permanent grassland and total agricultural area declared by the farmers in 2014.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1627**  
**George Lyon, Marit Paulsen, Phil Bennion, Sylvie Goulard**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Farmers are allowed to renew their permanent grassland. For the purpose of this paragraph, "permanent grassland" means land as defined in Article 4(1)(h) which has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for ten years or longer.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*the renewal of permanent grassland through cultivation is a critical measure for farmers in order to improve the productivity and quality of their grass crops, which are used as high quality forage for sheep, beef and dairy cattle. It also plays an important role in mitigating climate change by improving soil quality.*

**Amendment 1628**

**Riikka Manner, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Sari Essayah, Nils Torvalds, Hannu Takkula**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.*

*deleted*

Or. en

*Justification*

*In order to prevent problems with red tape and monitoring, it is better to consider the amount of permanent grassland at the level of the whole Member State rather than the individual farm.*

**Amendment 1629**

**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in*

*deleted*

*Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 1630**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1631**  
**Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.* *deleted*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The obligation regarding permanent grassland should be maintained at national level as in the now-functioning system which if the reference rate linkage area falls below the required threshold of 10%, obliges farmers to do the re-conversion of arable land on permanent pasture.*

**Amendment 1632**

**Jens Rohde**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.***

***deleted***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Only the most bio-diverse permanent pastures should be protected by the greening component.*

**Amendment 1633**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in***

***deleted***

**Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.**

Or. es

**Amendment 1634**  
**Martin Häusling**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The reference areas under permanent **grassland** shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent **grassland** in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

*Amendment*

The reference areas under permanent **pasture** shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent **pasture** in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

Or. en

**Amendment 1635**  
**Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

*Amendment*

The reference areas under permanent grassland **or pasture** shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland **or pasture** in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

Or. fr

**Amendment 1636**  
**Carlo Fidanza, Giancarlo Scottà**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

*Amendment*

The reference areas under permanent grassland **and pasture** shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland **and pasture** in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

Or. it

**Amendment 1637**  
**Salvatore Caronna**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

*Amendment*

The reference areas under **pasture and** permanent grassland and pasture shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into **pasture and** permanent grassland in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

Or. it

**Amendment 1638**  
**Spyros Danellis, Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The reference areas under permanent **grassland** shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent **grassland** in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

*Amendment*

The reference areas under permanent **pastures** shall be increased in cases where the farmer has an obligation to reconvert areas into permanent **pastures** in 2014 and/or in 2015 as referred to in Article 93 of Regulation (EU) No [...] HZR.

Or. en

**Amendment 1639**

**Hynek Fajmon**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Farmers shall be allowed to renew their permanent grassland through cultivation. For the purpose of this paragraph, "permanent grassland" means land defined in Article 4(1)(h) which has not been included in the crop rotation of the holding for 10 years or longer.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1640**

**Luis Paulo Alves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. Farmers with permanent crops such as olive groves, vineyards, or orchards, but excluding permanent dry-farming crops, shall apply specific agronomic practices involving minimum soil disturbance and green cover of the soil***



*surface.*

Or. pt

**Amendment 1641**

**Mairead McGuinness, Herbert Dorfmann, Elisabeth Jeggle, Mariya Gabriel, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1642**

**Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Lukacijewska**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1643**

**Sandra Kalniete, Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė, Ivars Godmanis, Krišjānis Kariņš, Roberts Zīle, Ivari Padar, Kārlis Šadurskis, Vytautas Landsbergis, Algirdas Saudargas, Tunne Kelam, Kristiina Ojuland, Inese Vaidere**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.**

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall ensure that the ratio under this Article shall not decrease to the detriment of land under permanent grassland by more than 10 % relatively to the ratio for the relevant reference year.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1644**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.**

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall ensure that the ratio under this Article shall not decrease to the detriment of land under permanent grassland by more than 10 % relatively to the ratio for the relevant reference year.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1645**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.**

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall ensure that the ratio referred to in paragraph 1 does not decrease to the detriment of areas under permanent grassland and pasture by more than 10 % by comparison with the ratio for the previous year as referred to in**

*paragraph 3a (hereinafter referred to as the 'reference ratio').*

Or. fr

**Amendment 1646**

**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of **5 %** of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

*Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of **8 %** of their reference areas ***of semi natural and uncultivated land, without prejudice to the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulation.*** That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. en

**Amendment 1647**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. ***Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference*** areas under permanent grassland. ***That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.***

*Amendment*

2. ***Member States shall guarantee that no reduction is made in the*** areas under permanent grassland ***in relation to the limits which they are required to maintain at national level; they shall ensure that land classed as permanent grassland on the date set for area-related aid applications for 2011 is maintained as such.***

Or. es

### *Justification*

*We propose that the maintenance of grassland be included as a concept at national level. Each Member State shall ensure, by means of the corresponding rules, that there is no quantitative decrease in the amount of permanent grassland areas which it is bound, as a State, to maintain.*

#### **Amendment 1648**

**Ulrike Rodust, Brian Simpson, Åsa Westlund**

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

#### **Article 31 – paragraph 2**

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

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

##### *Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland, ***unless there are biodiversity and water protection reasons which stand against this conversion. Such examples include conversion on flooding areas, on carbon-rich soils, on protected areas, on precious or sensible soils for water and biodiversity protection. A conversion can be carried out only after submission of an agri-environmental plan or a given written permission.*** That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 1649**

**James Nicholson, Diane Dodds**

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

#### **Article 31 – paragraph 2**

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

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall

##### *Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall

not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

not apply *to land under permanent grassland to be afforested, if such afforestation is compatible with the environment and with the exclusion of plantations of Christmas trees and fast growing species cultivated* in the *short term or in the* case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*The afforestation of permanent grassland which is compatible with the environment should not be prevented by the requirement to maintain permanent grassland.*

#### **Amendment 1650**

**Martin Häusling**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

#### **Article 31 – paragraph 2**

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

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent *grassland*. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure *or exceptional circumstances*.

##### *Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent *pasture*. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 1651**

**Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

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

#### **Article 31 – paragraph 2**

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

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas

##### *Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas

under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

under permanent grassland ***and pasture***. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. fr

**Amendment 1652**  
**Carlo Fidanza, Giancarlo Scottà**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

*Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland ***and pasture***. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. it

**Amendment 1653**  
**Salvatore Caronna**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

*Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland ***and pasture***. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. it

**Amendment 1654**  
**Spyros Danellis, Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent **grassland**. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

*Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent **pastures**. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. en

**Amendment 1655**  
**Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. **Farmers** shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

*Amendment*

2. **Member States** shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. en

**Amendment 1656**  
**Jens Rohde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland. That limit shall

*Amendment*

2. Farmers shall be allowed to convert a maximum of 5 % of their reference areas under permanent grassland **as set out in**

not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

*paragraph 1.* That limit shall not apply in the case of force majeure or exceptional circumstances.

Or. en

**Amendment 1657**  
**Jens Rohde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Farmers shall be allowed to transfer the reference area of permanent grassland, both within the farm and between farmers without transfer of land.***

***The reference areas under permanent grassland shall be decreased where an area grows out of the permanent grassland definition and into a more natural state with higher biodiversity.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is very important that the greening component does not prevent areas from growing into a more natural state which is even better for environment and nature than permanent pasture, also permanent pasture should be placed where it has the largest environmental effect, and farmers need flexibility in disposing over their farm area.*

**Amendment 1658**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Christa Klaß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Farmers with permanent grassland whose land requires structural conversion***



*may carry out such conversion with a view to*

- a) reseeding or*
- b) seeding on another site on the farm.*

Or. de

**Amendment 1659**  
**James Nicholson, Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*2 a. In regions where the area of permanent grassland does not decline by more than 5% compared with 2014, the requirement outlined in paragraph 1 shall be deemed as being complied with by all farmers in the region concerned.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Permanent grassland should be monitored at regional level and only if this declines by more than 5%, should controls be applied at individual farmer level. Farmer level controls on permanent grassland are administratively burdensome and achieve very little if the overall regional area of permanent grassland is stable.*

**Amendment 1660**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*2 a. Farmers shall be allowed to afforest or to use for short rotation coppice their reference areas under permanent*

*grassland.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1661**

**James Nicholson, Anthea McIntyre, Richard Ashworth, Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1662**

**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the** *deleted*

*reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1663**

**George Lyon, Marit Paulsen, Phil Bennion, Sylvie Goulard**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, *the renewal of permanent grassland*, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The renewal of permanent grassland is very specific to national or regional contexts; therefore, it should be left under the responsibility of Member States.*

**Amendment 1664**

**Hynek Fajmon**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, **the renewal of permanent grassland**, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

Or. en

**Amendment 1665**

**Mairead McGuinness, Giovanni La Via, Elisabeth Jeggle, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised **decrease** referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised **limit** referred to in paragraph 1 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

Or. en

**Amendment 1666**  
**Liam Aylward**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised **decrease** referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised **limit** referred to in paragraph 1 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

Or. en

**Amendment 1667**

**Sandra Kalniete, Vytautas Landsbergis, Kārlis Šadurskis, Ivair Padar, Roberts Zile, Krišjānis Kariņš, Ivars Godmanis, Radvilē Morkūnaitē-Mikulēnienē, Algirdas Saudargas, Tunne Kelam, Kristiina Ojuland, Inese Vaidere**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is

exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land. ***For the purposes of paragraph 2, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules on maintenance of permanent grassland, in particular to ensure that measures are taken to maintain the ratio, including individual obligations to be respected such as obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland where it is established that the ratio of land under permanent grassland is decreasing.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1668**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land. ***For the purposes of paragraph 2, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules on maintenance of permanent grassland, in particular to ensure that measures are taken to maintain the ratio, including individual***

*obligations to be respected such as obligation to reconvert areas into permanent grassland where it is established that the ratio of land under permanent grassland is decreasing.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1669**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.*

*Amendment*

*3. The ratio referred to in paragraph 1 shall be established each year on the basis of the areas declared by the farmers for the year concerned.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 1670**  
**Esther Herranz García, Pilar Ayuso, Gabriel Mato Adrover, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with

Article 55 *laying down* rules *concerning the increase of reference* areas under permanent grassland *as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of* permanent grassland, *the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under* permanent grassland *in case of transfer of land.*

Article 55 *containing* rules *on the maintenance of permanent grassland to ensure that, in those countries in which national monitoring of* areas under permanent grassland *has shown that the proportion of land under* permanent grassland *is decreasing, measures are taken by farmers to maintain land designated as* permanent grassland, *including individual requirements which must be met, such as the requirement to reconvert areas to* permanent grassland.

Or. es

#### *Justification*

*Measures to be adopted by farmers when national grassland levels are seen to be falling below the established limits.*

#### **Amendment 1671**

**Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Janusz Wojciechowski**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 3**

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

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the *increase of reference areas under* permanent grassland *as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of* permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland *in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under* permanent grassland *in case of transfer of land.*

##### *Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the *maintenance of* permanent grassland in *particular to ensure that measures to maintain* the *ratio* of permanent grassland, *including individual obligations to be comply with, such as* the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland *if the ratio of area under* permanent grassland *is decreasing.*

Or. en



**Amendment 1672**

**Riikka Manner, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Sari Essayah, Hannu Takkula**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of *reference* areas under permanent grassland ***as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1***, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland ***in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.***

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of areas under permanent grassland, the renewal of permanent grassland ***and*** the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland.

Or. en

**Amendment 1673**

**Petri Sarvamaa**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland ***as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1***, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland ***in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the***

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under ***temporary or*** permanent grassland, the renewal of ***temporary or*** permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into ***temporary or*** permanent grassland.

*modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1674**

**Patrick Le Hyaric, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Willy Meyer**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland **and pasture** as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland **and pasture**, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland **and pasture** in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland **and pasture** in case of transfer of land.

Or. fr

**Amendment 1675**

**Martin Häusling**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under

permanent **grassland** as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent **grassland**, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent **grassland** in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent **grassland** in case of transfer of land.

permanent **pasture** as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent **pasture**, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent **pasture** in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent **pasture** in case of transfer of land.

Or. en

**Amendment 1676**  
**Spyros Danellis, Theodoros Skylakakis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent **grassland** as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent **grassland**, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent **grassland** in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent **grassland** in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent **pastures** as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent **pastures**, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent **pastures** in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent **pastures** in case of transfer of land.

Or. en

**Amendment 1677**  
**Carlo Fidanza, Giancarlo Scottà**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland **and pasture** as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland **and pasture**, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland **and pasture** in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland **and pasture** in case of transfer of land.

Or. it

**Amendment 1678**  
**Salvatore Caronna**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under **pasture and** permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the renewal of **pasture and** permanent grassland, the reconversion of agricultural area into **pasture and** permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under **pasture and** permanent grassland and pasture in case of transfer of land.

Or. it

**Amendment 1679**

**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the **renewal of permanent grassland, the** reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the increase of reference areas under permanent grassland as laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, the reconversion of agricultural area into permanent grassland in case the authorised decrease referred to in paragraph 2 is exceeded, as well as the modification of the reference areas under permanent grassland in case of transfer of land.  
***Member States may define the baseline for the protection of permanent grassland on the basis of the amount of organic matter content in their soils.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1680**

**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 31 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3a. The reference ratio shall be established as follows:***

***(a) the areas under permanent grassland and pasture shall be the areas declared by farmers as being used for that purpose in 2010;***

***(b) the total agricultural area shall be the total agricultural area declared by***

*farmers in 2010.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 1681**  
**Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 31a**

**Permanent crops**

***Without prejudice to routine investment and equipment replacement needs, farmers shall ensure that the permanent crops on their holdings are retained.***

Or. it

**Amendment 1682**  
**Salvatore Caronna**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 31a**

**Permanent crops**

***1. Farmers with permanent crops as defined in Article 4(g) shall use specific agronomic practices laid down by Member States.***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to lay down the criteria for establishing the specific agronomic practices referred to in paragraph 1.***

Or. it

**Amendment 1683**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 31a**

***Overall ratio of permanent grassland and pasture***

***1. Should it be established that the ratio referred to in Article 31(1) is decreasing, the Member State concerned shall require farmers not to convert areas under permanent grassland and pasture to other uses without prior authorisation.***

***2. Should it be established that the requirement referred to in Article 31(2) cannot be met, the Member State concerned, in addition to the measures to be taken pursuant to paragraph 1 at national and regional level, shall require farmers who have areas which had been under permanent grassland and pasture and were then converted to other uses to reconvert them into permanent grassland and pasture.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 1684**  
**Michel Dantin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 31 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 31b**

***Periodic ploughing-up of grassland***  
***Farmers may plough up parcels under***

*permanent grassland and pasture with a view to re-sowing them, in accordance with traditional practices and rhythms.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 1685**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32**

**deleted**

***Ecological focus area***

- 1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).***
- 2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.***

Or. es

*Justification*

*The measures concerning diversification and ecological focus areas are unified in line with the amendment to Article 29.*



**Amendment 1686**

**James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre, Emma McClarkin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32**

***deleted***

***Ecological focus area***

***1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The Greening element should be in Pillar 2 of the CAP and not be part of direct payments*

**Amendment 1687**

**Britta Reimers**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32**

***deleted***

### ***Ecological focus area***

***1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.***

Or. de

### *Justification*

*To achieve environmental benefits there is a need for a differentiated approach by regions and measures, not across-the-board removal of fields from cultivation. Accordingly, agri-environmental measures should concentrate on the 2nd pillar. Under this article, the competitiveness of farms and the essential contribution they can make to counteracting worldwide food shortages would be significantly reduced; regions with falling cattle stocks lack alternative uses for grassland.*

### **Amendment 1688**

**Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre, Vicky Ford**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 32**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 32***

***deleted***

### ***Ecological focus area***

***1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus***

*area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The Greening element should be in Pillar 2 of the CAP and not be part of direct payments*

**Amendment 1689**  
**Izaskun Bilbao Barandica**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32**

***deleted***

***Ecological focus area***

***1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus***

*areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.*

Or. es

**Amendment 1690**  
**Martin Häusling**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Ecological *focus area*

Ecological *infrastructure*

Or. en

**Amendment 1691**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1692**  
**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Robert Sturdy, Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 2% of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland **and semi natural and uncultivated areas**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii). **These areas may consist of parts of the holding, deemed to be ineligible as regards Article 25(2) provided that these areas are identified on the aid application and contribute to the delivery of environmental or beneficial objectives.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1693**  
**James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 2 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1694**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 2 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *Article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

Or. de

**Amendment 1695**  
**Alfreds Rubiks**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 2.5 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features – *for example fences or stone walls* – buffer strips, *nitrogen-fixing crops* and afforested areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*, *as well as crops which contribute to CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration*.

Or. lv

**Amendment 1696**  
**Mariya Gabriel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips **and** afforested areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

*Amendment*

1. ***Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 20 hectares***, farmers shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features ***like hedges or stone walls***, buffer strips, ***land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops***, afforested areas as referred to in *Article 25(2)(b)(ii)*, ***areas wooded with nectariferous shrubs and trees or areas of intensive cultivation***.

Or. bg

**Amendment 1697**  
**Astrid Lulling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. ***Farmers*** shall ***ensure that at least 7 %*** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, ***is*** ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and ***afforested*** areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

*Amendment*

1. ***When the arable land of the farmer covers more than 20 hectares, farmers*** shall ***maintain 3 %*** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland ***and pasture and permanent crops, as*** ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, ***field margins, hedgerows, internal watercourses***, buffer strips, ***land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops, short rotation coppice, temporary grassland*** and ***afforested*** areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*. ***The inclusion of such features as ecological focus areas does not preclude these measures being aided under Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR];***

Or. en

**Amendment 1698**

**Mairead McGuinness, Herbert Dorfmann, Petri Sarvamaa, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. *Farmers* shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and **afforested** areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **When the arable land of the farmer covers more than 20 hectares, farmers shall maintain 3 %** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland **and pasture**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, **field margins, hedgerows, internal watercourses**, buffer strips, **land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops, short rotation coppice, temporary grassland and afforested** areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii). **The inclusion of such features as ecological focus areas does not preclude these measures being aided under Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR];**

Or. en

**Amendment 1699**

**Seán Kelly, Jim Higgins**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. *Farmers* shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **When the arable land of the farmer covers more than 20 hectares, farmers shall ensure that at least 3%** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, **like hedges and stone walls,**



buffer strips, *land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops, short rotation coppice* and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii). ***The inclusion of such features as ecological focus areas does not preclude these measures being aided under Regulation XXX (Rural Development).***

Or. en

### *Justification*

*European agriculture, by its very nature, is ecologically focused. A sustainable, secure food supply geographically proximate to European consumers is imminently more ecologically-focused than the alternative of securing our food supply from large industrial concerns in far-flung regions of the world. Small scale agriculture, based on the family farm, is also inherently ecological in focus and should be recognised as such.*

### **Amendment 1700**

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

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 32 – paragraph 1**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

#### *Amendment*

1. ***Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 20 hectares***, farmers shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips, ***leguminous crops, permanent grassland, permanent crops, crops under water, holdings within Natura 2000 areas, farmland covered by agro-environmental or climatic measures*** and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. es

**Amendment 1701**  
**Phil Prendergast**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 20 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland **and historical pastures and permanent crops as defined in Article 31 a (1)**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features **like hedges or stone walls**, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1702**  
**Hans-Peter Mayer**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *article* 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the eligible area excluding permanent grassland is greater than 20 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *Article* 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. de

**Amendment 1703**  
**Bastiaan Belder**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 20 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

*Justification*

*As it is not established that a percentage of 7% would deliver significantly higher biodiversity gains than would be delivered by ecological focus areas of 3% of the eligible hectares, it is preferable to require the lower percentage in order to ensure that the eligible agricultural area is used in the most effective way.*

**Amendment 1704**  
**Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 20 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas

as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. es

*Justification*

*We feel that 3 % is enough.*

**Amendment 1705**

**Giancarlo Scottà, Paolo Bartolozzi, Carlo Fidanza, Vincenzo Iovine, Giovanni La Via, Mara Bizzotto, Mario Borghesio, Lorenzo Fontana, Claudio Morganti, Fiorello Provera, Oreste Rossi, Matteo Salvini, Francesco Enrico Speroni, Lara Comi, Antonio Cancian**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), **excluding areas under permanent grassland**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the agricultural area, excluding areas under permanent grassland, covers more than 15 hectares**, farmers shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2) is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, **land under permanent crops**, terraces, landscape features **such as hedges or stone walls**, buffer strips, **land cultivated with crops under water for a significant part of the growing cycle, land under soil-improving crops such as pulses** and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. it

**Amendment 1706**

**Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. ***Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 5 hectares***, farmers shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland ***and historical pastures, crops under water*** and permanent crops, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features ***such as hedges or stone walls***, buffer strips, ***land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops*** and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. it

**Amendment 1707**  
**Christa Kläß**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares ***as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland***, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in ***article 25(2)(b)(ii)***.

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas. ***Following the conclusion of a regional agreement in accordance with Article 29 between the local authorities and a group of farmers, this 3% may relate to the total area of the land covered by the agreement. This minimum may then relate to the areas of several farms taken together, at regional level.***

Or. de

*Justification*

*From an agronomic and environmental point of view it is not absolutely essential that the proportion of land designated as ecological focus area should relate to just one farm. It*

should represent a share of a group of farms or smaller agricultural areas, taking the areas of various farms together and calculating the average proportion for a larger area.

#### **Amendment 1708**

**Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Janusz Wojciechowski**

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

#### **Article 32 – paragraph 1**

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

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

##### *Amendment*

1. **Member States** shall ensure **at the national or regional level** that at least 3% of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, **agricultural areas under agri-environmental schemes, areas without nitrogen fertilisation and without use of pesticides, set-aside land, agricultural area under Nature 2000 or other nature conservation area**, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 1709**

**Elisabeth Jeggle**

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

#### **Article 32 – paragraph 1**

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

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *article* 25(2)(b)(ii).

##### *Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 3% of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips, **grassland strips, flower strips, dividing strips, wildlife food**

*strips, riparian strips, areas under leguminous crops* and afforested areas as referred to in *Article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

Or. de

**Amendment 1710**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their *eligible hectares* as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 3 % of their *holding* as defined in Article 4(1)(b), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips, *areas planted with short rotation coppice or used for organic production*, and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1711**  
**Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Sari Essayah, Hannu Takkula**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 3 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1712**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least **7 %** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), **excluding areas under permanent grassland**, is ecological focus area **such as** land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least **3.5 %** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2) is ecological focus area. **This area may include** land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. fr

**Amendment 1713**  
**Dominique Vlasto, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least **7 %** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least **3.5 %** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. fr

*Justification*

*A threshold of 7 % seems excessive, particularly as the method does not make it possible to include in the ecological focus area all the elements which have a high economic value added.*



**Amendment 1714**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips **and** afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the arable land and area covers more than 20 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 4 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland **and permanent crops**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features **like hedges or stone walls**, buffer strips, **land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops, land cultivated according to environmentally friendly methods and** afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1715**  
**Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. shall ensure that at least 4 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1716**  
**Kent Johansson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), **excluding areas under permanent grassland**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the arable land of the farmer covers more than 20 hectares farmers** shall ensure that at least 5 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips **pursuant to relevant SMR and GAEC under Regulation (EU) N° [ ] [HZR], semi-natural pastures and other areas of high nature value, areas without spraying of plant protection products, green cover, areas participating in agri-environmental schemes in accordance with Article 29(2) of Regulation (EU) No [ ] [RDR] and going beyond the practices referred to in Article 29 (1) in terms of benefits for the climate and for the environment, and** afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

**Member States shall define the areas that could count as semi-natural pastures of areas of high nature value.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1717**  
**Liam Aylward, Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape

*Amendment*

1. **When the arable land of the farmer covers more than 15 hectares**, Farmers shall ensure that at least 5% of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25 (2), excluding areas under permanent

features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips, ***hedges, stone walls or internal farm roadways, land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops, short rotation coppice*** and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii). ***The inclusion of such features as ecological focus areas does not preclude these measures being aided under Regulation No [ ] [RDR].***

Or. en

### **Amendment 1718**

**Luis Paulo Alves**

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

#### **Article 32 – paragraph 1**

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

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least **7%** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

##### *Amendment*

1. ***Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 20 hectares***, farmers shall ensure that at least **5%** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland ***and historical pastures and permanent crops as defined in Article 31a(1)***, is an ecological focus area such as land left fallow ***or under permanent dry-farming crops***, terraces, landscape features ***such as hedges or stone walls***, buffer strips, ***land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops***, and afforested areas as referred to in *Article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

Or. pt

### **Amendment 1719**

**Salvatore Caronna**

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

#### **Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas **under** permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 20 hectares**, farmers shall ensure that at least 5 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas **referred to in Article 4(h) (permanent grassland and pasture) and Article 4(g) (permanent crops)**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features **such as hedges or stone walls, buffer strips, land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops, short rotation coppice, poplar plantations** and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. it

**Amendment 1720**  
**Elisabeth Köstinger**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their **eligible** hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 5% of their **disposable** hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, **permanent crops, vine or tree nurseries**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips, **pesticide- and fertiliser-free areas, unused or extensively farmed areas with multi-annual growth, areas under leguminous crops, land for the cultivation of lignocellulosic and non-food cellulose materials** and afforested areas as referred to in *Article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

Or. de

### *Justification*

*'Food, fuel and fibres' will form part of a long-term strategy for the European CAP. The proposed expansion of ecological focus areas to include areas such as those under leguminous crops, lignocellulosic material, or crops without pesticides or fertilisers, can be just as environmentally beneficial without restricting production potential to quite such an extent. The amendment of 'eligible' to 'disposable' may make it possible to adapt to natural local circumstances and to reach the 5% threshold.*

#### **Amendment 1721**

**George Lyon, Phil Bennion, Liam Aylward**

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

#### **Article 32 – paragraph 1**

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

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

##### *Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 5 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, **all** landscape features **protected under relevant SMRs and GAECs pursuant to Regulation (EU) N° [...] [HZR] and pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EU) N° [...] [RDR] as well as hedges, ponds, ditches, trees and groups of trees, traditional stone walls, riparian vegetation**, buffer strips **including both grass strips and field margins, and areas cultivated with species beneficial for carbon sequestration including** afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii), **biodiversity and water quality**.

Or. en

### *Justification*

*7% would take too much productive land out of production on average. The landscape features counting towards the percentage of EFA have to be clarified. Areas cultivated with species that provide environmental benefits should also count towards the percentage of EFA.*

## **Amendment 1722**

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

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 32 – paragraph 1**

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

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

##### *Amendment*

1. ***Where one of the three agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment finally applied pursuant to Article 29 is to have ecological focus areas on their agricultural area***, farmers shall ensure that at least 5 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. es

##### *Justification*

*According to the above amendments, the ecological focus area measure would become optional or alternative, if other climatically and environmentally beneficial practices are proposed by the Member State and approved by the Commission.. If a Member State decides to put into practice the use of ecological focus areas, it is proposed that the percentage be reduced, as 7 % is felt to be too high and would involve considerable additional costs to farmers.*

## **Amendment 1723**

**Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 32 – paragraph 1**

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

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7% of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus

##### *Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 5% of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is *an* ecological focus

area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

area such as ***land under permanent dry-farming crops***, land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *Article 25(2)(b)(ii)*. ***This requirement must never jeopardise the productive capacity of holdings, given the need to increase output in order to meet food security objectives.***

Or. pt

**Amendment 1724**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 5 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, ***land covered by a stewardship agreement, terraces***, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. es

**Amendment 1725**  
**James Nicholson, Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 5 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as

land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

*Justification*

*The ecological focus area requirement should be 5%.*

**Amendment 1726**  
**Brian Simpson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and *afforested* areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least **10 %** of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and *semi natural habitats*. **These areas shall not be ploughed, sown or fertilised with inorganic fertiliser, however may be grazed or mown at appropriate season that is compatible with biodiversity conservation needs..**

Or. en

**Amendment 1727**  
**James Nicholson, Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. *Farmers* shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article

*Amendment*

1. **Where the arable land of the farmer covers more than 35ha, farmers** shall



25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

#### *Justification*

*A threshold of 35ha of arable land before ecological focus areas are required should be introduced to exempt farms with small arable areas from this requirement.*

#### **Amendment 1728**

**Sandra Kalniete, Radvilē Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė, Ivars Godmanis, Krišjānis Kariņš, Roberts Zīle, Ivāri Padar, Kārlis Šadurskis, Vytautas Landsbergis, Algirdas Saudargas, Tunne Kelam, Kristiina Ojuland, Inese Vaidere**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 32 – paragraph 1**

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

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

##### *Amendment*

1. **Where the arable land and area covers more than 20 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland **and permanent crops**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features **like hedges or stone walls**, buffer strips, **land planted with nitrogen-fixing crops, land cultivated according to environmentally friendly methods** and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

#### **Amendment 1729 Nessa Childers**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. **Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 20 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features **like hedges or stone walls**, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1730**  
**Milan Zver**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, **is** ecological focus area **such as** land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in **article 25(2)(b)(ii)**.

*Amendment*

1. **Where the arable land of the farmer covers more than 15 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, **are** ecological focus area. **Ecological focus area includes** land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips **without production (except grazing and cutting), fertilisation and pesticides, areas without nitrogen fertilisation, areas with catch crops/green cover, areas with perennial energy crops, areas participating in agri-environmental schemes in accordance with Article 29(2) of Regulation (EU) No[ ] [RDR] and going beyond the practices referred to in Article 29 (1) in terms of benefits for the climate and for the environment, and**

afforested areas as referred to in *Article 5(2)(b)(ii)*.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The thresholds for the measure Diversification and Ecological focus area should be the same in order to simplify the implementation.*

**Amendment 1731**  
**Christel Schaldemose**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. *Farmers* shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, *is* ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. *Where the eligible agricultural area covers more than 10 hectares, farmers* shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, *are* ecological focus area. *Ecological focus area* such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips *without production (except grazing and cutting), fertilisation and pesticides, areas without nitrogen fertilisation, areas with catch crops/green cover, areas with perennial energy crops, areas participating in agri-environmental schemes in accordance with Article 29(2) of Regulation (EU) No[ ] [RDR] and going beyond the practices referred to in Article 29 (1) in terms of benefits for the climate and for the environment, and* afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

## Justification

*With the view to minimize the emission of greenhouse gases or leakage of nitrate and phosphorus to the groundwater / water environment, reestablishment of natural hydrologic conditions, creation of wetlands etc. additional area that can contribute to achieve these objectives should be included in the farmer's ecological focus area.*

### Amendment 1732

Ulrike Rodust

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 32 – paragraph 1

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

1. **Farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

###### *Amendment*

1. **Where the eligible area is greater than 10 hectares, farmers** shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in *Article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

Or. de

### Amendment 1733

Martin Häusling

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Article 32 – paragraph 1

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

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent **grassland**, is ecological **focus area** such as land left fallow, terraces, **landscape features, buffer strips** and **afforested areas** as referred to in *article 25(2)(b)(ii)*.

###### *Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent **pasture**, is **used for** ecological **infrastructure including landscape elements** such as **hedges, stone walls**, land left fallow, **maintained terraces and semi-natural habitats**. **There shall be no re-**

*seeding, ploughing, fertiliser or pesticide use. Harvesting, mowing and grazing at densities which do not lead to degradation of the sward may take place. When areas of mixed grassland, pasture or meadow are being newly established, appropriate leguminous crops can be incorporated into the species mix in pastures or meadows for grazing or mowing purposes.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1734**  
**Jens Rohde, Anne E. Jensen**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland **and permanent crops**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips **without production (except grazing and cutting), fertilisation and pesticides, unsprayed field margins, areas without nitrogen fertilisation, catch crops, areas with perennial energy crops, beetle banks, flower strips, areas with nitrogen fixing crops, areas participating in agri-environmental schemes in accordance with Article 29(2) of Regulation (EU) No [ ] [RDR], and** afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

*Justification*

*The definition of ecological focus areas should be wider than the framework set in the Commission proposal.*

**Amendment 1735**  
**Ivari Padar**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips, ***semi-natural habitats*** and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii). ***In order to be counted as ecological focus areas, these areas shall not be ploughed, sown, fertilised or sprayed but may be grazed, harvested or mown at appropriate season that is compatible with biodiversity conservation needs.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1736**  
**Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), ***excluding areas under permanent grassland***, is ecological focus area ***such as*** land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2) is ecological focus area. ***The ecological focus area may include*** land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. fr

**Amendment 1737**

**Patrick Le Hyaric, Willy Meyer, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland **and pasture**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. fr

**Amendment 1738**

**James Nicholson, Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland **and permanent crops**, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

*Justification*

*Permanent crops such as orchards should be excluded from the ecological focus area requirement.*

**Amendment 1739**  
**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, **ditches, nitrogen-fixing crops**, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips, and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1740**  
**Struan Stevenson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features **like hedges or stone walls and archaeological sites**, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

**Amendment 1741**  
**Jean-Paul Gauzès**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips, ***areas sown with crops which do not require treatment with plant-health products*** and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. fr

**Amendment 1742**

**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).  
***Landscape features that are not eligible on the basis of article 25(2) remain non-eligible for payment but can be used by the farmer to fulfil this obligation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1743**

**James Nicholson, Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 26(1), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

Or. en

*Justification*

*The ecological focus area requirement should be restricted to land parcels declared by the farmer to activate basic entitlements instead of all land parcels on the holding. Ascertaining all land on the holding is very difficult and it is not clear how ecological focus areas would be applied in relation to land used by more than one farmer in the same calendar year.*

**Amendment 1744**  
**Astrid Lulling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least 7 % of ***their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), excluding areas under permanent grassland, is*** ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii).

*Amendment*

1. Farmers shall ensure that at least ***the existing*** ecological focus area such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii), ***and excluding areas under permanent grassland, is maintained.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 1745**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The following shall be eligible for designation as ecological focus area:***

- grassland strips, flower strips and dividing strips in fields, particularly where these can be used for energy production in biomass and biogas installations or to counteract soil erosion, particularly on sloping sites;***
- wildlife food strips, for example on fields at forest edges,***
- riparian strips;***
- areas under leguminous crops;***

Or. de

**Amendment 1746**  
**Ulrike Rodust**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***The following shall apply to ecological focus areas:***

- the use of chemical plant protection products and mineral fertilisers is prohibited;***
- areas are non-tradable and must be located within the same physical region;***
- areas may be changed annually;***
- cultivation of leguminous crops is permitted on no more than 50% of ecological focus areas;***
- ploughing and sowing are permitted only until 15 May and harvesting must take place after 15 July;***
- the cultivation of rare and threatened***

*crops and varieties is permitted;*  
*- on fields exceeding 30 hectares in area, the ecological focus areas must lie within the field.*

Or. de

**Amendment 1747**  
**James Nicholson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The following shall also be considered as ecological focus areas:*

*- Eligible hectares which are subject to obligations within the framework of certain agri-environmental measures in accordance with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No[ ] [RDR],*

*- Eligible hectares which are part of areas underlying directives 92/43/EEC or 2009/147/EC*

*- Eligible hectares cultivated with crops not fertilized with nitrogen within the cultivation period shall also be considered as ecological focus areas.*

*The obligation shall not apply to holdings*

*- in which the permanent grassland occupies more than 50% of the agricultural area or*

*- with an arable and permanent crop area which is less than 15 hectares in total*

*The obligation outlined in paragraph 1 can, if the member state or region concerned chooses to, be designated and met collectively at a regional level rather than at an individual farm level.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1748**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*The following shall be exempted from this requirement:*

- a) land with payment entitlements that is farmed in the context of agri-environment-climate measures under Article 29 of the 2012 EAFRD Regulation, or*
- b) land with payment entitlements that falls under Directive 92/43/EEC or 2009/147/EC, or*
- c) land with payment entitlements that is fertilised without nitrates and is thus also designated as ecological focus area;*
- d) land whose agricultural area comprises more than 50% of permanent grassland, or*
- e) areas totalling less than 15 hectares under arable and permanent crops, or*
- f) farmers with an average parcel size of 2 hectares or less.*

Or. de

**Amendment 1749**  
**Mairead McGuinness, Herbert Dorfmann, Petri Sarvamaa, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Farmers may apply minimum soil disturbance and/or permanent soil cover*

*as an alternative to maintaining ecological focus areas.*

*By way of derogation, Member States may apply the 3% calculation on a regional basis, rather than at farm level.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1750**  
**Astrid Lulling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Farmers may apply minimum soil disturbance and/or permanent soil cover as an alternative to maintaining ecological focus areas.*

*By way of derogation, Member States may apply the 3% calculation on a regional basis, rather than at farm level.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1751**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*These areas may also include permanent grassland and pasture and areas down to crops which offer an intrinsic environmental benefit, such as flax, hemp, lucerne or protein crops. However, such areas may not count for more than half the minimum percentage set in paragraph 1.*

**Amendment 1752**  
**Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Ecological focus areas may also include permanent grassland and pasture and areas down to crops which offer an intrinsic environmental benefit, such as flax, hemp, lucerne or protein crops. However, such areas may not count for more than half the minimum percentage set in paragraph 1.*

*Some ecological focus areas shall be weighted so that, on the basis of their ecological significance, an equivalent area greater than that actually covered by the element concerned may be taken into account. This weighting shall be laid down in the annex to this Regulation.*

**Amendment 1753**  
**Kent Johansson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Member states may decide that all landscape features protected under relevant SMRs and GAECs pursuant to Regulation (EU) No[ ] [HZR] and pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No[ ] [RDR] shall be included in the eligible area and count as ecological*

*focus area.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1754**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. In accordance with Article 32(1) in conjunction with Article 25(2), a farmer may lease back from the local authority a high nature value agricultural area which has entered public ownership as a result of land consolidation or similar procedures and designate it as ecological focus area within the meaning of Article 32(1) provided that it meets the criteria of Article 32(1).***

Or. de

*Justification*

*Clarification. Regions with ecological focus areas in public ownership that meet the criteria of Article 32 must be permitted to lease these to farmers for management and maintenance. Accordingly these areas are to be attributed to the farmer as ecological focus areas in accordance with Article 32.*

**Amendment 1755**  
**Martin Häusling**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Ecological infrastructure areas include specific local and regional***



*cultivation or land management practices supporting the transition process towards sustainable farming systems and improved environmental management, according to articles 29, 30 and 31.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1756**  
**Brian Simpson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 a. In order to increase significantly the environmental benefits of this measure farmers should be encouraged to undertake relevant commitments established under Article 29, Chapter 1 of Title III of Regulation (EU) No[ ] [RDR]. Such commitments should be tailored to the land concerned to achieve maximum environmental benefit and may include practices such as linking the ecological focus areas to create ecological networks or sowing pollen and nectar seed mixes beneficial for pollinators.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*To further stimulate environmental delivery of ecological focus areas a positive management must be encouraged through agri-environment schemes.*

**Amendment 1757**  
**Béla Glattfelder**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. In case a provision of a land lease agreement in effect concluded before 2011 is not compatible with paragraph 1 of this Article, the former shall prevail till the termination of the agreement concerned.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1758  
Christel Schaldemose**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may decide to implement up to 3,5 percentage points of the ecological focus areas at regional level in order to obtain adjacent ecological focus areas.***

***Member States shall designate the areas and the obligations for farmers or groups of farmers participating to meet the level of 3,5 percentage points. The aim of the designated areas and obligations shall be to underpin the implementation of Union policies on environment, climate and biodiversity. The obligations shall go beyond the practices referred to in Article 29(1) in terms of benefits for the climate and the environment.***

***When applying ecological focus areas at the regional level, Member States shall each year inform farmers of the level of individual obligations concerning ecological focus areas with a minimum of at least 3,5%. The individual level is calculated on the basis of the implemented area managed regionally.***

**Amendment 1759**  
**Britta Reimers**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, a group of farmers collectively exploiting a well-defined area of contiguous land, may request that the percentage of ecological focus area referred to in paragraph 1 shall be respected at the level of the group in the eligible hectares collectively exploited. In such cases, Member States shall establish objective criteria every year defining the areas concerned and the percentage of ecological focus area that shall be insured at the level of the individual farmers.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Provide a degree of flexibility vis-à-vis groupings of farmers who exploit their land in a collective way.*

**Amendment 1760**  
**Marian-Jean Marinescu**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may decide that the ecological focus area referred to in that paragraph is ensured at the level of a group of farmers when they provide proof*

*that they collectively exploit a well-defined area of ( contiguous) land. In such cases, at least 3,5% of the ecological focus area shall be situated in the eligible hectares of each individual farmer. The remaining 3,5 % may be situated in any of the eligible hectares collectively exploited. where this option is used, farmers shall be held collectively responsible for insuring that the percentage of ecological focus are referred to in paragraph 1 is attained.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Provide a degree of flexibility vis-à-vis groupings of farmers who exploit their land in a collective way.*

**Amendment 1761**  
**James Nicholson, Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 a. By derogation from the first paragraph, farmers who are engaged in agri-environment schemes as part of Regulation (EU) No[ ] [RDR] shall ensure that 2% of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2) is ecological focus area. such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas as referred to in article 25(2)(b)(ii) as well as eligible hectares which are subject to obligations within the framework of certain agri-environmental measures in accordance with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No[ ] [RDR] and eligible hectares which are part of areas underlying directives 92/43/EEC or 2009/147/EC.*

*Justification*

*The greening element of the CAP should be in Pillar 2 and not part of direct payments*

**Amendment 1762**

**Jens Rohde, Anne E. Jensen**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. The percentage referred to in paragraph 1 can be reduced at member state or regional level if the member state or region has general environmental regulation which goes beyond obligations for farmers in other member states.***

***Farmers should be allowed to transfer all or part of the obligation in paragraph 1 to another farmer without transfer of land.***

***By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may decide to implement up to 5 percentage points of the ecological focus areas at regional level in order to obtain adjacent ecological focus areas.***

***Member states and regions which have not included the areas mentioned in paragraph 1 in their land parcel identification system can count these features as a part of the percentage in paragraph 1 without including them in the land parcel identification system.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*It is necessary with further flexibility in the implementation of ecological focus areas. The obligation should be tradable between farmers, it should be possible to implement part of the obligation at national or regional level, and it should be possible to take general*

*environmental initiatives, which goes beyond farmers in other member states into account.*

**Amendment 1763**

**Sandra Kalniete, Vytautas Landsbergis, Kārlis Šadurskis, Ivair Padar, Roberts Zīle, Krišjānis Kariņš, Ivars Godmanis, Radvilē Morkūnaitē-Mikulēnienē, Algirdas Saudargas, Tunne Kelam, Kristiina Ojuland, Inese Vaidere**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the minimum percentage indicated in paragraph 1 is reduced to:***

***- 5% in cases of joint undertakings of groups of farmers putting in place continuous, adjacent ecological focus areas;***

***- 1,5% in the Member States with at least 45% of their total terrestrial area covered by forests or;***

***- 1,5% in the Member States where utilised agricultural area constitute is less than 35% of the total terrestrial area.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1764**

**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the minimum percentage indicated in paragraph 1 is reduced to:***

***- 5% in cases of joint undertakings of groups of farmers putting in place continuous, adjacent ecological focus***

*areas;*

*- 1,5% in the Member States with at least 30 % of their total terrestrial area covered by forests or;*

*- 1,5% in the Member States where utilised agricultural area constitute is less than 35% of the total terrestrial area.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1765**

**Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 a. By way of derogation, the minimum percentage for EFA indicated in Article 29 is reduced by 2% when a farmer creates a network of green infrastructures serving as a green corridor on his land.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Introduces an incentive for farmers to work together to improve their environmental and biodiversity standards.*

**Amendment 1766**

**Luís Paulo Alves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the minimum percentage specified in paragraph 1 shall be reduced to 3% where groups of farmers put in*

*place continuous adjacent ecological focus areas.*

Or. pt

**Amendment 1767**  
**Milan Zver**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the minimum percentage referred to in that paragraph shall be reduced to at least 3.5% where more than 50% of a Member State's land is forested.***

Or. sl

*Justification*

*The required percentage of ecological focus areas should take into account the natural features of the individual Member States, especially the share of their surface area which is forested: a higher share of forest should mean a lower percentage requirement. A forest is the highest form of ecological focus area, especially in Slovenia, which is characterised by sustainable forestry management. The share of forests is an objective, comparable and verifiable criterion.*

**Amendment 1768**  
**Rareș-Lucian Niculescu**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the minimum percentage indicated therein shall be reduced to 5% in cases of joint undertakings of groups of farmers establishing continuous, adjacent ecological focus areas, even if those***



*groups are not organised on a formal basis.*

Or. ro

**Amendment 1769**

**Riikka Manner, Sari Essayah, Nils Torvalds, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Hannu Takkula**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, in Member States where utilised agriculture area is less than 10 % of the total land area of the Member State, the environmental area shall cover 3 % of the farmer's arable land.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The percentage of utilised agriculture of the total land area varies a lot between the Member States. In some Member States the landscape features are less common on arable land than in other Member States and normally forests, bogs and mires dominate the landscape, which itself contributes to biodiversity values.*

**Amendment 1770**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. The first paragraph shall not apply to agricultural areas used for fruit or vegetable crops cultivation or holdings which arable land covers less than 15 hectares.***

**Amendment 1771**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Farmers shall implement an annual nutrient management plan to areas of their holding eligible for support as defined in Article 25(2). This shall consist of a farm record sheet and a field record sheet which include at least;***

***- A soil analysis report of all eligible areas of the holding, undertaken on a periodic basis of at least 3 to 5 years, and reviewed annually, to identify P, K and Mg Index and pH***

***- Full details of all fertilisers on the holding including organic manure (timing, area of application, quantity, type, storage). Ensuring that a farmer takes account of all other sources of nutrients before deciding on fertiliser application rates.***

***-Farmers shall also undertake regular calibration and tray testing of fertiliser spreaders and calibration of manure spreaders.***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to adopt specific definitions and rules applying to the content of the farm and field record sheets that farmers shall complete to record and optimise their nutrient planning and use.***

**Amendment 1772**  
**Ulrike Rodust**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. The following shall be eligible for designation as ecological focus areas:***

- species-rich arable land and grassland;***
- cereals with wide row spacing (at least 20cm);***
- riparian strips at least 10m in width free of fertilisers or plant protection products;***
- late-mowing or late-grazing grassland;***

Or. de

**Amendment 1773**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Cultivation of the following crops shall be permitted on the agricultural areas referred to in this chapter:***

- a) multi-annual energy plants and***
- b) protein plants.***

Or. de

**Amendment 1774**  
**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Member States may decide to define rare crops which are at risk of disappearing and which represent less than 1% of total arable surface in a Member State as ecological focus area;***

Or. en

**Amendment 1775**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. Some ecological focus areas shall be weighted so that, on the basis of their ecological significance, an equivalent area greater than that actually covered by the element concerned may be taken into account. This weighting shall be laid down in Annex IVa.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 1776**  
**Christa Kläß**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. The following shall be deemed to be ecological focus areas: former agricultural features such as grassland strips or water protection areas, including adjacent agricultural features, set-aside land, compensatory land, nature reserves and public areas designated as being of***

*environmental importance.*

Or. de

**Amendment 1777**  
**Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 b. By derogation from Article 1, the Member States may decide to have the ecological focus area referred to in Article 1 prepared by a group of farmers within a precisely determined area, provided they can show that they are using a precisely determined area of adjacent land. In that case, at least half of the ecological focus area (1.5% of the total defined area) shall be situated in the eligible hectare area of each farmer. The remaining 1.5% may be anywhere within this precisely defined eligible hectare area used jointly by the group of farmers. Where this option is exercised, the farmers shall bear joint responsibility for preparing the required percentage of ecological focus area in accordance with Article 1 on their farm and within the precisely defined area.*

Or. de

**Amendment 1778**  
**Martin Häusling**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 b. Farmers can alternatively comply*

*with the requirements in 32 (1) if they at least cultivate 15 % of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2) for leguminous crops for grazing if they comply to Article 4 paragraph 1 point (ba) "advanced sustainable system" or Article 4 paragraph 1 point h a "High Nature Value farming".*

Or. en

**Amendment 1779**

**Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 b. By way of derogation, the minimum percentage for EFA indicated in Article 29 is reduced by 1% when a farmer installs water protection infrastructure preventing pollution at the point of source.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Introduces an incentive for farmers to work together to improve their environmental and biodiversity standards.*

**Amendment 1780**

**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 b. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the minimum percentage is reduced to*

*5%, in case of collective undertakings of groups of farmers approved by the authorities on the basis of a regional management plan. At least half (2.5%) of this target should be realised at farm level.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1781**  
**Rareş-Lucian Niculescu**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 b Ecological focus areas, such as land left fallow, terraces, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas, shall be eligible for the granting of direct payments.*

Or. ro

**Amendment 1782**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 b. Farmers shall implement an on-farm energy efficiency plan on their holding. This shall consist of at least the following elements:*

*-Detailed and regularly reviewed record keeping of on-farm energy supplies and consumption and actions to increase their farm's energy efficiency.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with*

*Article 55 to adopt the specific definitions and criteria applicable to the content of the farm energy efficiency plans that farmers shall implement to optimise energy efficiency on farm.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1783**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1b. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the minimum percentage shall be reduced to 2 % in cases where groups of farmers establish continuous, adjacent ecological focus areas.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 1784**  
**Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 c. By way of derogation, the minimum percentage for EFA indicated in Article 29 is reduced by 1% when a farmer takes specific measures providing a foraging habitat for pollinating insects.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*Introduces an incentive for farmers to work together to improve their environmental and*



*biodiversity standards.*

**Amendment 1785**

**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 c. Farmers that decide to comply with part of the obligation to have ecological focus area by participating in a group of farmers in accordance to a national or regional management plan, cannot leave the group of farmers and cannot comply with the aforementioned obligation in the relevant year in another way. Every farmer is responsible for the compliance of all other farmers in the group of farmers. The payment referred in article 29(1) shall be reduced to all participants if the group of farmers does not, or insufficiently, complies with the obligation regarding the maintenance of ecological focus area.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1786**

**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 – paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*1 c. Farmers shall implement a whole farm soil management plan on their holding, identifying areas at risk of soil erosion, significant declines in organic matter loss as a result of agricultural practices, and soil compaction. Farmers are required to take appropriate actions to*

*mitigate these risks.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1787**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 d. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to adopt specific definitions and criteria applicable to the content of the soil management plans to ensure effective soil utilisation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1788**  
**Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 d. By way of derogation, the minimum percentage indicated in Article 29 is reduced by 1% when a farmer has benefited from training and implemented measures to enhance biodiversity or improve water management.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Introduces an incentive for farmers to work together to improve their environmental and biodiversity standards.*

**Amendment 1789**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.**

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Or. en

**Amendment 1790**  
**Michel Dantin, Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to **add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.**

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to **draw up the list of crops offering an intrinsic environmental benefit, as referred to in the third subparagraph of paragraph 1.**

Or. fr

**Amendment 1791**  
**Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to ***add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.***

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in ***the second subparagraph of*** paragraph 1 of this Article and to define ***the list of crops offering an intrinsic environmental benefit, as referred to in the third subparagraph of*** paragraph 1.

Or. fr

**Amendment 1792**

**Jarosław Kalinowski, Czesław Adam Siekierski, Artur Zasada, Elżbieta Katarzyna Lukacijewska**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph, ***and to laying down rules concerning the maintenance of ecological focus area in particular to ensure that measures to maintain, specified in paragraph 1 of this Article, the percentage of ecological focus area, including individual obligations to be comply with if the indicated percentage is decreasing.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1793**  
**Christel Schaldemose**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further *define* the types of *ecological focus* areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add *and define* other types of *ecological focus* areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 *referred to in paragraph 1 and 1a of this Article to lay down* further *criteria for* the types of areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article *to qualify as ecological focus areas*; and to add other types of areas *to those referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article* that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

Or. en

**Amendment 1794**  
**Martin Häusling**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological *focus areas* referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological *focus areas* that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological *infrastructure* referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological *infrastructure* that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

Or. en

**Amendment 1795**  
**Christa Klaß**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in **paragraph 1** of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in **that paragraph**.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in **paragraphs 1 and 2** of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in **those paragraphs**.

Or. de

**Amendment 1796**  
**George Lyon, Marit Paulsen, Kent Johansson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types **and size** of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

Or. en

**Amendment 1797**  
**James Nicholson, Robert Sturdy, Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas **and their equivalency values** referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

Or. en

**Amendment 1798**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas **and their equivalency values** referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

Or. en

**Amendment 1799**  
**Ivari Padar**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt **delegated** acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt **implementing** acts in accordance with Article 56 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

Or. en

**Amendment 1800**  
**Brian Simpson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

*Amendment*

2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the types of ecological focus areas referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and **the types of management that may be permissible and** to add and define other types of ecological focus areas that can be taken into account for the respect of the percentage referred to in that paragraph.

Or. en

**Amendment 1801**  
**Christel Schaldemose**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 – paragraph 2 a (new)**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2 a. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, approve the decision referred to in paragraph 1a. The obligations set for the designated areas and the area managed in accordance with the obligations referred to in paragraph 1a shall be approved by the Commission. The approval shall include information on the environmental and climate effect going beyond the practices referred to in Article 29(1) in terms of benefits for the climate and the environment. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 56(2).***

Or. en

**Amendment 1802**

**Mairead McGuinness, Elisabeth Jeggle, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 32 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 32 a***

***On-farm nutrient management plan***

***1. Farmers shall implement an annual nutrient management plan to areas of their holdings as defined in Article 25(2), aimed at optimising the use of organic manure and artificial fertilizers.***

***Farmers shall maintain record sheets detailing fertilizers used on the farm along with a soil analysis report.***

***The plan shall set clear targets for optimum nutrient application on the holding.***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the application of the measure.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1803**

**George Lyon, Britta Reimers, Marit Paulsen, Phil Bennion, Sylvie Goulard, Kent Johansson**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Article 32 a***

***Nutrient management plan***

***1. Farmers shall, on an annual basis, draw up a nutrient management plan on areas of their holding eligible for support as defined in Article 25(2). This shall consist of a farm record sheet and a field record sheet which include at least:***

- An up-to-date soil analysis report of all eligible areas of the holding,***
- A nutrient analysis of all the organic manure to be used on the holding in the year and their quantification,***
- An optimisation plan setting out the intended utilisation of fertilisers and their precise application,***
- Calibration and tray tests of fertiliser spreaders and sprayers to ensure precision application,***

***The nutrient management plan shall be drawn up on the basis of the analysis above and the balance between the requirement of the crop and the nutrient supply to crops from soil and fertilization and shall include targets to optimise nutrient and fertiliser use and reduce***

*nitrogen leaching and run-off.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the conditions and rules applying to the content of the farm and field records sheets that farmers shall complete to record and optimise their nutrient use and planning.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*This measure will provide carbon and nutrient efficiency and mitigate nitrogen leaching and run-off, beyond the areas classified as nitrate vulnerable zones. This should provide economic benefits to the farmer, as well as improve the environmental performance of farms.*

**Amendment 1804**

**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Emma McClarkin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32 a*

*Nutrient Management Plan*

*1. Farmers shall implement an annual nutrient management plan to areas of their holding eligible for support as defined in Article 25(2). This shall consist of a farm record sheet and a field record sheet which include at least:*

*- A soil analysis report of all eligible areas of the holding, undertaken on a periodic basis of at least 3 to 5 years, and reviewed annually, to identify P, K and Mg Index and pH*

*- Full details of all fertilisers use on the holding including organic manure (timing, area of application, quantity, type, storage). Ensuring that a farmer takes account of all other sources of*

*nutrients before deciding on fertiliser application rates.*

*•Farmers shall also undertake regular calibration and tray testing of fertiliser spreaders and calibration of manure spreaders.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to adopt specific definitions and rules applying to the content of the farm and field records sheets that farmers shall complete to record and optimise their nutrient planning and use.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1805**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32 bis*

*In the case of ligneous crops, the ecological focus area percentage shall include the cultivated area given over to crops offering positive annual carbon capture levels and which minimise water use (areas watered by drip irrigation), limit soil erosion and halt desertification.*

Or. es

**Amendment 1806**  
**Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32 a**

**Water Management Plan**

**Farmers shall implement an on-farm water efficiency plan for their holding. This shall consist of:**

- identifying areas suitable for water retention measures;**
- identifying areas suitable for drought mitigation measures;**
- accurate, regular measurement and record keeping of water usage.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1807**

**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32 a**

**Resource efficiency improvement plan**

**1. Farmers shall implement a resource efficiency action plan to areas of their holding eligible for support as defined in Article 25(2), including for example: a) an on-farm nutrient management plan, which could include the use of catch crops or nitrogen-fixing crops, the use of controlled release nitrogen fertilisers, a plan for the optimised use of animal manure or the recovery of nutrients from manure, b) participation in an antibiotic reduction programme, c) participation in a chemical plant protection products reduction programme, d) an energy efficiency plan, include measures to reduce to use of (fossil) fuels and/or to**

*produce renewable energy.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the rules concerning the application of the measure.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1808**  
**Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32a*

*General rules for green payment –  
livestock farms without land*

*Farmers raising cattle and/or sheep without land shall guarantee that at least 50 % of their feed and fodder comes from holdings close to their livestock facilities and shall also ensure that they have a management plan for manure and slurry treatment on a site appropriate to the type and number of animals being farmed.*

Or. es

*Justification*

*A measure directed at livestock farms with no effective land base needs to be included.*

**Amendment 1809**  
**George Lyon, Britta Reimers, Phil Bennion, Sylvie Goulard**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 b (new)**

***Article 32 b***

***Farm energy efficiency plan***

***1. Farmers shall, on an annual basis, carry out an independent audit of all energy and fuels use on their holding and draw up an on-farm energy efficiency plan in order to optimise the efficient use of all energy and fuels on the holding. The plan shall consist of a farm record sheet including targets to reduce energy and fuel consumption and comprising at least the following elements:***

***- detailed and up-to-date record keeping of on-farm energy supplies and***

***- fuel consumption***

***- A plan for the optimisation of the energy efficiency and insulation of all existing and new buildings, equipment and machinery on the holding, including smart meters and thermostat control for electricity, gas and hot water consumption, as well as other energy efficient appliances such as low energy lighting and refrigerating systems and automatic lighting control systems***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the conditions and rules applying to the content of the farm energy efficiency plan that farmers shall implement to optimise their use of energy and minimise recourse to fossil fuels.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*This measure will provide carbon and energy efficiency and mitigate climate change, with efforts being spread across a larger number of farms than through specific agri-environmental measures. This should provide economic benefits to the farmer, as well as*

*improve the environmental performance of farms.*

**Amendment 1810**

**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Emma McClarkin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32 b**

***Farm energy efficiency plan***

***1. Farmers shall implement an on-farm energy efficiency plan on their holding. This shall consist of at least the following elements:***

- detailed and regularly reviewed record keeping of on-farm energy supplies and***
- consumption and actions to increase their farm's energy efficiency.***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to adopt specific definitions and criteria applicable to the content of the farm energy efficiency plans that farmers shall implement to optimise energy efficiency on farm.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1811**

**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32 b**

***Biodiversity action plan***

***1. Farmers shall implement a biodiversity***



*action plan to areas of their holding eligible for support as defined in Article 25(2). The plan shall identify species on the holding and species in decline with targeted habitat provisions for those species in decline.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the rules concerning the application of the measure.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1812**

**Mairead McGuinness, Elisabeth Jeggle, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32 b*

*Winter soil cover*

*1. Farmers with more than 20 hectares of arable land eligible for support under Article 25(2), shall maintain temporary cover during winter, in accordance with the following conditions:*

*-the farmer must be able to identify the map number, method of cultivation and green area sown;*

*Non-living mulch and/or residue cover could be considered for the purposes of this Article.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the application of the requirements set out in this Article and the time period when the temporary cover shall be applied.*

**Amendment 1813**  
**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Emma McClarkin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32 c*

*Soil Management plans*

*1. Farmers shall implement a whole farm soil management plan on their holding, identifying areas at risk of soil erosion, significant declines in organic matter loss as a result of agricultural practices, and soil compaction. Farmers are required to take appropriate actions to mitigate these risks.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to adopt specific definitions and criteria applicable to the content of the soil management plans to ensure effective soil utilisation.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1814**  
**George Lyon, Britta Reimers, Marit Paulsen, Phil Bennion, Sylvie Goulard, Kent Johansson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32 c*

*Winter soil cover*

*1. Farmers shall ensure that their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2) that*

*would otherwise remain bare during winter are covered by a temporary plant cover according to the following conditions:*

*- The soil cover may include grasses, natural vegetation, small grains and catch crops, leguminous and cruciferous crops, clover, and stubble,*

*- Land stewardship elements and landscape features left bare are included in the soil cover measure to the extent that they are compatible with the objectives pursued under agri-environment-climate measures taken pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EU) N° [...] [RDR],*

*- The soil is covered for a period determined by the Member State according to soil type and climate conditions, and the soil cover is destroyed at the appropriate time as determined by the Member State to ensure maximum environment and climate benefits, pursuant to Subparagraph 2.*

*Market gardens, plant nurseries and forestry land shall be exempted from soil cover requirements,*

*2. Member States applying this Article shall determine the dates for creation and destruction of the soil cover, taking into account soil type and climate conditions. They shall notify the dates applicable to the Commission in due time.*

*3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 to further define the conditions and rules applying to the soil cover requirements as set out in paragraph 1, including specific rules applicable to late harvested crops.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*This measure will be particularly beneficial to soil nutrients and soil carbon sequestration. It is necessary that Member States define what the best time is to create and destroy the cover, according to their particular circumstances.*

**Amendment 1815**

**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32 c*

***Water management improvement plan***

***1. Farmers shall adopt measures to conserve water resources, for example through capture and storage of rain water, irrigation techniques consuming less water or precision agriculture. Farmers will be required to measure on-farm water use and to demonstrate a significant improvement in their water efficiency.***

***Farmers will be required to measure on-farm water use and to demonstrate a significant improvement in their water efficiency.***

***2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the rules concerning the application of the measure.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1816**

**Mairead McGuinness, Elisabeth Jeggle, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32 c*

*Minimum tillage or no tillage and direct drilling*

*1. Farmers shall maintain 20% of their eligible hectares as defined in Article 25(2), under minimum tillage or low disturbance no-tillage and direct drilling. The farmer will be required to keep detailed records including the crop sown, land map number and incorporation method used.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the application of the measure.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1817**

**Mairead McGuinness, Elisabeth Jeggle, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Esther de Lange, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 32 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 32 d*

*Biodiversity action plan*

*1. Farmers shall implement a biodiversity action plan to areas of their holding eligible for support as defined in Article 25(2). The plan shall identify species on the holding and species in decline with targeted habitat provision for those species in decline.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down the rules concerning the application of the measure.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1818**  
**Esther de Lange**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32 d**

**Monitoring and reporting**

**1. Farmers opting to implement one or more greening measures as laid down in Articles [32a new - 32 c new] shall be required to monitor improvement compared to a 2014 baseline.**

**2. Member States opting to implement one or more greening measures as laid down in Articles [32a new - 32 c new] shall be required to monitor improvement compared to a 2014 baseline and report every second year to the Commission about the implementation and results of greening measures in their Member State.**

**3. Every second year, the Commission shall present on the basis of the Member States' reports, and on the basis of their own findings, an analysis of the implementation and results of greening measures in the Member States.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1819**

**Mairead McGuinness, Giovanni La Via, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 32 e (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 32 e**

**Water management**

**1. In Member States where irrigation is**

*essential for agricultural production, farmers shall adopt measures to conserve water resources.*

*This will require measuring on-farm water used via irrigation and adopting plans to conserve water and introduce water efficiency plans, including capture and storage of rain water as appropriate.*

*2. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 laying down rules concerning the application of the measure.*

Or. en

**Amendment 1820**

**James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 33*

*deleted*

*Financial provisions*

*1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use 30 % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.*

*2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).*

*3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, set out the*

*corresponding ceiling for the payment referred to in this Chapter on a yearly basis. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 56(2).*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The Greening element should be in Pillar 2 of the CAP and should not be part of direct payments*

**Amendment 1821**  
**Britta Reimers**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 33*

*deleted*

*Financial provisions*

*1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use 30 % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.*

*2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).*

*3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, set out the corresponding ceiling for the payment referred to in this Chapter on a yearly*



*basis. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 56(2).*

Or. de

*Justification*

*To achieve environmental benefits there is a need for a differentiated approach by regions and measures, not across-the-board removal of fields from cultivation. Accordingly the agri-environmental measures should concentrate on the 2nd pillar. Under this article, the competitiveness of farms and the essential contribution they can make to counteracting worldwide food shortages would be significantly reduced; regions with falling cattle stocks lack alternative uses for grassland.*

**Amendment 1822**

**Richard Ashworth, Anthea McIntyre, Vicky Ford**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 33*

*deleted*

*Financial provisions*

*1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use 30 % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.*

*2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).*

*3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, set out the*

*corresponding ceiling for the payment referred to in this Chapter on a yearly basis. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 56(2).*

Or. en

*Justification*

*The Greening element should be in Pillar 2 of the CAP and not be part of direct payments*

**Amendment 1823**  
**Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Financial** provisions

**Implementing** provisions

Or. fr

**Amendment 1824**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use 30 % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 1825**  
**Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use 30 % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.**

**deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 1826**  
**James Nicholson, Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **10 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. en

**Amendment 1827**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **10%** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. de

**Amendment 1828**  
**Giovanni La Via**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **10 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. it

**Amendment 1829**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **10 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. en

**Amendment 1830**  
**Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **up to 10 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Justification*

*We feel that the amount given over to this component should be minimal and suggest that it should not exceed a maximum of 10 %.*

**Amendment 1831**

**Michel Dantin**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **15 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II ***in the first two years of application of this Regulation and 30 % in subsequent years.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 1832**

**Izaskun Bilbao Barandica**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **15 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II, ***thereby expanding the margin by which the percentage for coupled support can be increased.***

Or. es

**Amendment 1833**

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

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30** % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **15** % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. es

*Justification*

*Allocating 30 % of the national direct payment appropriation to green payment is too much, bearing in mind that this is uniformly granted to all farmers in a given region, and is not progressively introduced.*

**Amendment 1834**

**Béla Glattfelder**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30** % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **20** % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. en

**Amendment 1835**

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

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **20 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. es

**Amendment 1836**

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

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **20%** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. es

*Justification*

*It is proposed that the percentage of the national appropriation to be used for greening or green payments be reduced from 30 % to 20 %.*

**Amendment 1837**

**Rareş-Lucian Niculescu**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **at least 20%** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

**Amendment 1838**  
**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance *the payment referred to in this Chapter*, Member States shall use **30** % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to **finance increased greening of the CAP through enhanced agri-environmental schemes in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR]** Member states shall use **20** % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II **in the form of Union support to agri-environmental-climate measures under rural development programming financed under the EAFRD as specified in Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR]**

Or. en

*Justification*

*Greening measures are better achieved under Pillar 2 of the CAP.*

**Amendment 1839**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30** % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **25** % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. en



**Amendment 1840**  
**Martin Häusling**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **30 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **a minimum of 20 %** of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II **in 2014, but shall have increased the amount to 50 % by 2020.**

Or. en

**Amendment 1841**  
**James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States **shall** use 30 % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States **may** use **up to** 30 % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.

Or. en

**Amendment 1842**  
**Mariya Gabriel**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use 30 % of the annual national ceiling set out

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall use **up to** 30 % of the annual national ceiling

in Annex II.

set out in Annex II.

Or. bg

**Amendment 1843**  
**Diane Dodds, James Nicholson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall **use** 30 % of the **annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.**

*Amendment*

1. In order to finance the payment referred to in this Chapter, Member States shall **make** 30 % of the **basic payment conditional on compliance with Title III, Chapter 2 of this Regulation**

Or. en

**Amendment 1844**  
**Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Czesław Adam Siekierski**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. The basis for funding under this Chapter should be the average of a Member State's direct payments as a reference value, to ensure that the payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and environment is the same for each Member State;***

Or. de

**Amendment 1845**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. The basis for payments under this Chapter should be the average of a Member State's direct payments as a reference value, to ensure that the payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and environment is the same for each Member State;***

Or. de

**Amendment 1846**  
**Jens Rohde**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1 a. In case of breaches with the obligations in article 30, 31 and 32 the farmer can be sanctioned by no more than the actual greening payment submitted to the farmer.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Sanctions for non-compliance with the greening measures should be limited to the actual greening payment submitted to the farmer.*

**Amendment 1847**  
**Mairead McGuinness, Giovanni La Via, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Astrid Lulling, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1848  
Seán Kelly, Jim Higgins**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1849  
Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1850**  
**Marian Harkin**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).** *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1851**

**Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).** *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 1852**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).** *deleted*

Or. es

*Justification*

*This proposal does not allow for the regionalisation of greening payments, as it requires them to be individually calculated.*

**Amendment 1853**  
**Herbert Dorfmann**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national *or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).*

*Amendment*

2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national level.

Or. de

**Amendment 1854**  
**James Nicholson, Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States *shall* apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the

*Amendment*

2. Member States *may* apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the

respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

Or. en

**Amendment 1855**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States **shall** apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

*Amendment*

2. Member States **may** apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

Or. en

**Amendment 1856**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States **shall** apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to

*Amendment*

2. Member States **may** apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national **level** or, when applying Article 20, **the Member State may apply the payment** at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each



paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

Or. en

**Amendment 1857**  
**James Nicholson**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national or, when applying Article 20, at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

*Amendment*

2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national *level* or, when applying Article 20, *the Member State may apply the payment* at regional level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

Or. en

*Justification*

*In some member states agriculture policy is devolved to the regional level and therefore decisions on any potential greening payment will have to be made at the most administratively suitable level.*

**Amendment 1858**  
**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national *or, when applying Article 20, at regional* level. In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

*Amendment*

2. Member States shall apply the payment referred to in this Chapter at national level. ***Where Article 20 is relied on, the Member States may apply the payment at regional level.*** In case of application at regional level, Member States shall use in each region a share of the ceiling set pursuant to paragraph 3. For each region, this share shall be calculated by dividing the respective regional ceiling as established in accordance with Article 20(2) by the ceiling determined according to Article 19(1).

Or. de

**Amendment 1859**  
**Esther de Lange, Marianne Thyssen, Ivo Belet**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Unallocated funds from the application of article 33 shall be transferred within the Member State concerned to rural development measures under the EAFRD, targeted at farmers or groups of farmer, as laid down in article 14.s.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1860**  
**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 33 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, set out the corresponding ceiling for the payment referred to in this Chapter on a yearly basis. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 56(2).**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 1861  
Hans-Peter Mayer**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 33 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall, **by means of implementing** acts, set out the corresponding ceiling for the payment referred to in this Chapter on a yearly basis. **Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 56(2).**

3. The Commission shall **be empowered to adopt delegated** acts **in accordance with Article 55 to** set out the corresponding ceiling for the payment referred to in this Chapter on a yearly basis.

Or. de

*Justification*

*The setting of the upper limit for the payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and environment is not a purely technical decision.*

**Amendment 1862  
Agnès Le Brun**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 33 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, set out the corresponding **ceiling** for **the payment referred to in** this Chapter **on a yearly basis**. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 56(2).

*Amendment*

3. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, set out the corresponding **arrangements** for **Article 29(5) of** this Chapter. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 56(2).

Or. fr

**Amendment 1863**

**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Anthea McIntyre**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Any reduction or penalties imposed by non-compliance with this Article and Articles 30, 31 and 32 shall remain in the Member States and region where it originated.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Any penalties imposed by non compliance with greening should not result in a reduction in a member state or region's national envelope*

**Amendment 1864**

**Diane Dodds**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3 a. Any reduction or penalties imposed by non-compliance with this Article and Articles 30,31 and 32 shall remain in the Member States and region where it originated.***

Or. en

**Amendment 1865**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3 a. Any funds derived from reduction of the basic premium or penalty payments pursuant to this Chapter and Chapters 30, 31 and 32 on the grounds of non-compliance with the rules shall remain in the Member States and in the regions from which they derive.***

Or. de

**Amendment 1866**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 – paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3 b. Unused appropriations within the Member States' national ceiling that were designated for financing the payments referred to in this Chapter shall remain in the Member States and shall be used for agri-environment-climate measures in accordance with the 2012 EAFRD***

**Regulation.**

Or. de

**Amendment 1867**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 33a**

***Special payment for smart growth***

***General rules***

- 1. The Member States shall grant aid to farmers under the terms laid out in this chapter, subject to compliance with the terms of Article 9.***
- 2. The Member States shall establish the requirements to be met by potential beneficiaries.***
- 3. Without prejudice to the terms of paragraph 2, this aid shall be directed at farmers who obtain a higher percentage of their income from the sale of agricultural products than from their total earnings from any other economic activity.***
- 4. In order to apply this chapter, Member States may use the definitions laid out in their relevant national legislation and which are currently used for granting specific types of aid.***
- 5. The Member States shall increase the value of basic payment entitlements by up to 50 % for farmers fulfilling the conditions laid down by the Member States, as set out in this chapter, and bearing in mind the ceiling set by Article 33b.***

Or. es

**Amendment 1868**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 33 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 33b**

**Financial provisions**

**1. In order to finance the payment referred to in Article 33a, Member States shall use 10 % of the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II.**

Or. es

**Amendment 1869**

**Peter Jahr, Albert Deß, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 34**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**[...]**

**deleted**

Or. de

**Amendment 1870**

**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 34**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**[...]**

**deleted**

Or. en

*Justification*

*Payments for areas with natural constraint should be dealt with entirely in the second pillar*

**Amendment 1871**

**James Nicholson, Richard Ashworth, Julie Girling**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Title 3 – chapter 3 – title**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Payment for areas with natural constraints***

***Delete***

Or. en

**Amendment 1872**

**Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 34 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. Member States ***may*** grant a payment to farmers entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 and whose holdings are fully or partly situated in areas with natural constraints designated by Member States in accordance with Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

1. Member States ***shall*** grant a payment to farmers entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 and whose holdings are fully or partly situated in areas with natural constraints designated by Member States in accordance with Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. fr

**Amendment 1873**

**Dominique Vlasto, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 34 – paragraph 1**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. **Member States may grant** a payment to farmers entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 and whose holdings are fully or partly situated in areas with natural constraints designated by Member States in accordance with Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

1. A payment **shall be granted** to farmers entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 and whose holdings are fully or partly situated in areas with natural constraints designated by Member States in accordance with Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. fr

*Justification*

*This measure should be made compulsory so as to foster convergence between those areas with and those without natural constraints, ensure fair competition between farming regions and guarantee balanced territorial development.*

**Amendment 1874**

**Izaskun Bilbao Barandica**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 34 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

1. Member States may grant a payment to farmers entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 and whose holdings are fully or partly situated in areas with natural constraints designated by Member States in accordance with Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

1. Member States **and empowered regions** may grant a payment to farmers entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 and whose holdings are fully or partly situated in areas with natural constraints designated by Member States in accordance with Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. es

*Justification*

*It should be remembered that in some Member States the regions have full powers to distribute payments and that in order to respect the principle of subsidiarity this fact cannot be ignored in a European regulation.*

**Amendment 1875**  
**Ramon Tremosa i Balcells**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 34 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. Member States may grant a payment to farmers entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 and whose holdings are fully or partly situated in areas with natural constraints designated by Member States in accordance with Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

*Amendment*

1. Member States may grant a payment to farmers entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 and whose holdings are fully or partly situated in areas with natural constraints, ***areas belonging to the Natura 2000 network*** designated by Member States in accordance with Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR] ***and with Article 4 of Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.***

Or. es

**Amendment 1876**  
**Dominique Vlasto, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 34 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States ***may decide to*** grant the payment referred to in paragraph 1 to all areas falling within the scope of that paragraph or, alternatively, and on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, to restrict the payment to some of the areas referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

*Amendment*

2. Member States ***shall*** grant the payment referred to in paragraph 1 to all areas falling within the scope of that paragraph or, alternatively, and on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, to restrict the payment to some of the areas referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

Or. fr

### *Justification*

*This measure should be made compulsory so as to foster convergence between those areas with and those without natural constraints, ensure fair competition between farming regions and guarantee balanced territorial development.*

#### **Amendment 1877**

**Michel Dantin**

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

#### **Article 34 – paragraph 2**

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

2. Member States may decide to grant the payment referred to in paragraph 1 to all areas falling within the scope of that paragraph or, alternatively, and on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, to restrict the payment to **some** of the **areas** referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

##### *Amendment*

2. Member States may decide to grant the payment referred to in paragraph 1 to all areas **situated in zones** falling within the scope of that paragraph or, alternatively, and on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, to restrict the payment to **a part** of the **zones** referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR] **and/or to certain types of areas situated in those zones.**

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 1878**

**Eric Andrieu, Marc Tarabella**

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

#### **Article 34 – paragraph 2**

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

2. Member States may decide to grant the payment referred to in paragraph 1 to all areas falling within the scope of that paragraph or, alternatively, and on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, **to restrict the payment** to some of the areas referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

##### *Amendment*

2. Member States may decide to grant the payment referred to in paragraph 1 to all areas falling within the scope of that paragraph or, alternatively, and on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, to some of the areas referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No [...] [RDR].

**Amendment 1879**  
**Dominique Vlasto, Marie-Thérèse Sanchez-Schmid**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 34 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, progressive reduction and capping, linear reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States **decided to** grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those hectares held by the farmer concerned.

*Amendment*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, progressive reduction and capping, linear reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those hectares held by the farmer concerned.

*Justification*

*This measure should be made compulsory so as to foster convergence between those areas with and those without natural constraints, ensure fair competition between farming regions and guarantee balanced territorial development.*

**Amendment 1880**  
**Hynek Fajmon**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 34 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, **progressive reduction and capping**, linear

*Amendment*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, linear reduction as referred in Article 7,

reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States decided to grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those hectares held by the farmer concerned.

and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States decided to grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those hectares held by the farmer concerned.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 1881**

**James Nicholson, Julie Girling, Richard Ashworth, Robert Sturdy, Anthea McIntyre, Vicky Ford**

#### **Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 3**

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

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, ***progressive reduction*** and ***capping***, linear reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States decided to grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those hectares held by the farmer concerned.

##### *Amendment*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline and ***digressive modulation***, linear reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States decided to grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those hectares held by the farmer concerned.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 1882**

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

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 34 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, progressive reduction and capping, linear reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States decided to grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those hectares held by the farmer concerned.

*Amendment*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, progressive reduction and capping, linear reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States decided to grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those ***eligible*** hectares ***situated in these areas with natural constraints*** held by the farmer concerned.

Or. es

**Amendment 1883**  
**Izaskun Bilbao Barandica**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 34 – paragraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, progressive reduction and capping, linear reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States decided to grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those hectares held by the farmer concerned.

*Amendment*

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 and to the application of financial discipline, progressive reduction and capping, linear reduction as referred in Article 7, and any reductions and exclusions imposed pursuant to Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No [...] [HZR], the payment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted annually per eligible hectare situated in the areas to which Member States decided to grant a payment in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article and shall be paid upon activation of payment entitlements on those ***eligible*** hectares ***situated in these areas***

*with natural constraints* held by the farmer concerned.

Or. es