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4/5: 15:00 - 18:30

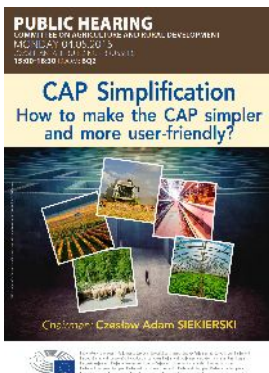
5/5: 9:00 - 12:30 and 15:00 - 18:30

Room: PHS 1A002



Highlights

Hearing: how to simplify the CAP ?



Following the debate with Agriculture Commissioner Phil Hogan in March, AGRI Members will listen to experts representing farmers, paying agencies and independent experts so as to assess what can be done to simplify the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), in a public hearing on 4 May. The hearing will focus on the experience with the implementation of the CAP reform gathered so far as well as on suggestions for possible solutions to make the CAP more user friendly. The hearing takes place from 15.00 to 18.30 on Monday 4 May in room PHS 1A002.

Rural development: extension of the 2007-2013 programmes



In March, a number of Member States requested an extension of the eligibility period for expenditure under the rural development programmes agreed for the 2007-2013 period. The Commission, which has declared itself ready to examine the request, will update Members on this issue (Presentation and debate on 5 May in the morning).



Work in progress

Budget 2016: debate with EP rapporteur and presentation of draft AGRI opinion



AGRI Members will debate their budget priorities for 2016 with the Parliament's general rapporteur for the 2016 budget José Manuel Fernandes (EPP, PT). The rapporteur for the AGRI Committee, Jean-Paul Denanot (S&D, FR), will also present his draft opinion as regards the Parliament's political resolution on the 2016 budget which goes along with the vote on budgetary amendments. BUDG, the Committee on Budgets, is the lead Committee on both procedures. Both debates will take place on 5 May in the morning.

Towards performance based controls of the CAP: presentation of draft AGRI opinion



Jens Gieseke (EPP, DE) will present his draft opinion in view of an own-initiative report by the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) on protecting the EU's financial interests and in particular the relationship between farming and responsibility for the implementation of agricultural policies across the EU. Over the years, the CAP has become more diverse and complex, resulting in further burden and cost in the controls administered to protect the Union's financial interests. The draft opinion focuses on key elements to achieve more performance-based controls in the CAP (Debate on 5 May morning).

Trade in seal products: presentation of draft AGRI opinion



Janusz Wojciechowski (ECR, PL) will present his draft opinion on the Commission proposal to amend Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 on trade in seals products. The purpose of the Commission proposal is to implement the 2014 rulings and recommendations from the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on this 2009 regulation. It also creates the legal basis for bringing implementing Regulation (EU) No 737/2010 into compliance with the said rulings. IMCO, the Committee on internal market and consumer protection, is the lead Committee on this file (Debate on 5 May afternoon after the votes).

Votes on 5 May at 15.00

The fruit and vegetables sector since the 2007 reform: own-initiative report



Members will vote on 230 amendments, including 8 compromises, on the draft own initiative report presented by Nuno Melo (EPP, PT) on the fruit and vegetable regime.

Delegated act on ethyl alcohol: motion for objection



Members will vote on a draft motion for resolution objecting to the draft delegated act on ethyl alcohol adopted by the European Commission in February. Several reasons for objection have been submitted by Members and will be put to the vote.

Delegated act amending rural development regulation: early non-objection



Members will vote on the Commission delegated act of 27 April amending Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 in line with the revised Multi-annual Financial Framework (MFF). The adoption of this delegated act under the so-called early non-objection procedure would enable the Commission to adopt the remaining package of rural development programmes as quickly as possible.



Next committee meeting

Tuesday 26 May 2015

15.00-18.30

Thursday 28 May 2015

9.00-12.30

15.00-18.30

Room: to be confirmed

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