Amendment 305
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on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Report
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1b. Takes note of the statements by the Commission annexed to this resolution, which will be published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union;

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For information, the statements read as follows:

‘Statement by the Commission on certification bodies in the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy

The Commission takes note of the insertion of the new recital 13 into Regulation (EU) 2021/... of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy regarding the communication of information on appointed certification bodies. The Commission receives information from the Member States on the appointment of public and private certification bodies and it keeps an up-to-date register of these bodies for monitoring purposes. The Commission recalls its commitment to communicate annually the list of the appointed certification bodies to the Parliament.

Statement by the Commission on the EAFRD de-commitments in the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy

The Commission confirms that, if there is a risk of de-commitment of EAFRD funding, the relevant services of the Commission shall send a letter to the Member States’ authorities to alert them of that risk in sufficient time before the applicable deadline of the automatic de-
commitment. The purpose of that letter is to encourage an increase in the absorption of EAFRD funding and to explore with Member States what can be done to that effect.

The Commission endeavours to avoid de-commitments also where specific circumstances apply. To that end, the relevant rules laid down in Regulation (EU) 2021/... of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy to interrupt the period for de-commitments in the event of on-going legal proceedings or administrative appeals will be fully applied. Moreover, in particular, the rule not to apply de-commitments in the event that budget commitments were not used for reasons of force majeure seriously affecting the implementation of the CAP Strategic Plans will be fully complied with.

**Statement by the Commission on bundling of empowerments in the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy**

The Commission recalls its commitment to observe the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making. Point 31 of that Agreement states that, on condition that the Commission provides objective justifications based on the substantive link between two or more empowerments contained in a single legislative act, empowerments may be bundled. Consultations in the preparation of delegated acts also serve to indicate which empowerments are considered to be substantially linked.’