Amendment 1211
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the management of the deleted
corresponding payments does not cause excessive administrative burden, and

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission
(b) the corresponding amounts make an effective contribution to the objectives set out in Article 6(1) to which decoupled direct payments contribute.

Amendment
deleted

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 16
Minimum requirements for receiving decoupled direct payments

1. Member States shall grant decoupled direct payments under the conditions set out in this Section and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans.

2. Member States shall set an area threshold and only grant decoupled direct payments to genuine farmers whose eligible area of the holding for which decoupled direct payments are claimed goes beyond this area threshold.

When setting the area threshold, Member States shall aim at ensuring that decoupled direct payments may only be granted to genuine farmers if:

(a) the management of the corresponding payments does not cause excessive administrative burden, and
(b) the corresponding amounts make an effective contribution to the objectives set out in Article 6(1) to which decoupled direct payments contribute.

3. The Member States concerned may

Amendment

Article 16
Minimum requirements for receiving decoupled direct payments

1. Member States shall grant decoupled direct payments to active farmers under the conditions set out in this Section and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans.

2. Member States may set a minimum limit for direct payments and only grant direct payments to active farmers whose amounts of decoupled direct payments equal or exceed that threshold.

When setting the minimum limit for payments, Member States shall aim at ensuring that the amounts received make an effective contribution to the objectives set out in Article 6(1) to which direct payments contribute.

3. The Member States concerned may
decide not to apply paragraph 1 to the outermost regions and to the smaller Aegean Islands.

Or. en

Justification

*The minimum threshold for area is removed, while maintaining a minimum threshold for payment; this is because some small areas are productive active farms that should not be excluded from being eligible for CAP direct support.*
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

3a. Calculation of the basic income support shall not include the proportion of area dedicated to the cultivation of pasture, feed or other sources of feeding for animals whose final destination is their sale for activities related to bullfighting, both by direct sales or through intermediaries.

Amendment

Or. en
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3b. The Basic Payments income shall not include concentrated animal feeding operations

Or. en
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Proposal for a regulation  
Article 26 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission  

3. Member States shall establish an amount per hectare or different amounts for different ranges of hectares, as well as the maximum number of hectares per farmer for which the redistributive income support shall be paid.

Amendment

3. Member States shall establish a payment equivalent to an amount per hectare or different amounts for different ranges of hectares. The maximum number of hectares per farmer eligible for this payment shall not be greater than the national average size of holdings, or the average size in accordance with the territories defined pursuant to Article 18(2), or 30 hectares, whichever is smaller. Member States shall grant this payment starting from the first eligible hectare of the holding, and there shall be no maximum amount per hectare.

Or. en

Justification

Member states should be allowed to award larger amounts for redistribution payments but only for a limited number of first hectares (the 30 first ha or the MS/regional average, whichever is smaller - the rule since the 2013 reform, when this tool was introduced). This is in order to be able to redirect support to the small and medium sized farms.
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission  Amendment

3a. The amount per hectare of the complementary redistributive income support shall be at least 100 % of the national average amount of direct payments per hectare for a given claim year.

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

3b. Member States shall identify non-discriminatory criteria, with the objective laid down in points (a) and (g) of Article 6(1), for calculating the amount to be granted for complementary redistribution of income for sustainability in the context of the CAP Strategic Plans, and shall also set a financial ceiling above which farms shall not be entitled to the redistributive payment. Member States shall take into consideration the average level of farms’ income at national or regional level. In the distribution criteria, they shall also take into consideration the natural and specific constraints faced by some regions, including island regions, in the development of their agricultural activity.

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. Member States shall ensure that no advantage provided for under this Chapter is granted to farmers in respect of whom it is established that they divided their holding with the sole purpose of benefiting from the redistributive payment. This shall also apply to farmers whose holdings result from that division

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 26 a

Complementary support for agricultural employment

1. Member States may provide for additional support for agricultural employment under the conditions laid down in this Article and as specified in their strategic plans under the CAP.

2. As part of their obligations to contribute to the specific objective of 'promoting employment, growth, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including the bio-economy and sustainable forestry', as defined in Article 6(1)(h), Member States may provide for additional support for agricultural employment to agricultural holdings which create paid employment and which are entitled to a payment under the basic income support referred to in Article 17.

3. The complementary support for agricultural employment shall take the form of an annual decoupled payment per eligible Annual Work Unit.

3 a. An “eligible Annual Work Unit” is defined to represent a full-time equivalent, i.e. the work performed by a person employed full-time on a farm during the year for which financial
assistance is requested. The minimum duration for work to be considered full-time is defined in the national provisions governing employment contracts. If no number of hours is specified by national legislation, the minimum number of working hours per year is deemed to be 1800 hours, or 225 working days of eight hours each. No person may represent more than one annual work unit. To be eligible, hours of work must be performed within the framework of an appropriate contract and provided the employment contract is subject to social insurance contribution.

4. The Commission is empowered to determine the maximal amount of complementary support for agricultural employment that may be attributed per Annual Work Unit.

5. This aid shall be subject to limits imposed in Article 15.

Or. en