Amendment 1221
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Report
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 28
Schemes for the climate and the environment

1. Member States shall provide support for voluntary schemes for the climate and the environment ('eco-schemes') under the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans.

2. Member States shall support under this type of intervention genuine farmers who make commitments to observe, on eligible hectares, agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment.

Amendment

Article 28
Schemes for the climate and the environment

1. Member States shall establish and provide support for voluntary schemes for the climate and the environment ('eco-schemes') under the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans. Eco-schemes in one area of action shall be consistent with the objectives in another area of action.

Member States shall offer a broad variety of eco-schemes in order to ensure that farmers are able to participate and to reward different ambition levels. Member States shall arrange different schemes to provide co-benefits, promote synergies and emphasise an integrated approach. Member States shall establish point or rating systems.

2. Member States shall support under this type of intervention active farmers or groups of farmers who make commitments to preserve and deliver
3. **Member States** shall **establish the list of agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment.**

4. Those practices shall be designed to meet one or more of the specific environmental- and climate-related objectives laid down in points (d), (e) and (f) of Article 6(1).

5. Under this type of interventions, **Member States shall only provide payments covering commitments which:**
   
   (a) go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements and standards of good agricultural and environmental condition established under Section 2 of Chapter I of this Title;
   
   (b) go beyond the minimum requirements for the use of fertilisers and plant protection products, animal welfare, as well as other mandatory requirements established by national and Union law;
   
   (c) go beyond the conditions established for the maintenance of the agricultural area in accordance with point (a) of Article 4(1);
   
   (d) are different from commitments in beneficial practices, and convert to agricultural practices and techniques and certified schemes that make a stronger contribution for the climate and the environment, which are established in accordance with the guiding principles in Article 28a and included in the lists referred to in Article 28b and are tailored to address specific national or regional needs.

3. **Support for eco-schemes shall take the form of an annual payment** for the eligible hectares covered by the eco-schemes or/and a per holding payment, and it shall be granted as incentive payments fairly rewarding ecosystem services, going beyond compensation of additional costs incurred and income foregone, which may consist of a lump sum. The level of payments shall vary according to the ambition level of each ecoschemes, based on non-discriminatory criteria.

4. Those practices shall be designed to meet one or more of the specific environmental- and climate-related objectives laid down in points (d), (e) and (f) of Article 6(1).

5. Under this type of interventions, **Member States shall only provide payments covering commitments which:**

   (a) go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements and standards of good agricultural and environmental condition established under Section 2 of Chapter I of this Title;

   (b) go beyond the minimum requirements for the use of fertilisers and plant protection products, animal welfare, as well as other mandatory requirements established by national and Union law;

   (c) go beyond the conditions established for the maintenance of the agricultural area in accordance with point (a) of Article 4(1);

   (d) are different from commitments in
6. Support for eco-schemes shall take the form of an annual payment per eligible hectare and it shall be granted as either:

(a) payments additional to the basic income support as set out in Subsection 2 of this Section; or

(b) payments compensating beneficiaries for all or part of the additional costs incurred and income foregone as a result of the commitments as set pursuant to Article 65.

7. Member States shall ensure that interventions under this Article are consistent with those granted under Article 65.

8. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138 supplementing this Regulation with further rules on the eco-schemes.
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 28b
Objectives and guiding principles of schemes for the climate and environment

1. The agricultural practices covered by this type of intervention shall contribute to the achievement of one or more of the specific objectives set out in points (d), (e) and (f) of Article 6(1) and help fulfil the targets of the Green Deal outlined in Article 6a.

2. The agricultural practices referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall cover the following areas of action for the climate and the environment:

(a) actions on climate change including reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture as well as enhancement of carbon sequestration;

(aa) actions to reduce emissions other than greenhouse gases;

(b) protection or improvement of water quality in agricultural areas and reduction of pressure on water resources;

(c) action to reduce soil erosion, natural improvement of soil fertility by maintaining and re-establishing soil biota, and improvement of nutrient management;
(d) protection of biodiversity, conservation or restoration of habitats and species, pollinator protection and management of landscape features, including establishment of new landscape features beneficial for biodiversity;

(e) actions for a sustainable and reduced use of pesticides, particularly pesticides that present a risk to human health or biodiversity;

(f) allocation of areas as biodiversity-oriented features or zones where no pesticides and fertilisers are used;

(g) actions to address antimicrobial resistance.

2a. The agricultural practices referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may include inter alia the following examples of tools or measures:

(a) tools for input reduction that achieve significantly reduced inputs and improved, sustainable management of natural resources, in order to reach the relevant Green Deal targets, or that contribute to non-chemical weed management in cropping systems;

(b) practices to improve in-field genetic diversity, such as sowing heterogeneous material, and in-field crop diversity such as multi-crop, undersowing or poly-cultural sowing;

(c) extensive grazing measures including livestock reduction schemes such as an extensification premium;

(d) crop rotation of 4 years or more including legumes;

(e) grass leys on arable land with clover or other leguminous plants, as part of the protein crop strategy;

(f) establishing long term herbal leys, multispecies swards, mixes of grass, herbaceous plants including leguminous plants;
(g) paludiculture as low intensity grazing of wetlands to benefit biodiversity and climate;

(h) agroforestry practices;

(i) integrated pest management following the 8 principles of IPM as per annex III of Dir.2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides;

(j) individual agroecological techniques;

(k) "minimum till" farming without the use of pesticides;

(l) establishing high-biodiversity elements to boost resilience and productivity.

3. The agricultural practices referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall:

(a) go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements and standards of good agricultural and environmental condition established under Section 2 of Chapter I of this Title;

(b) go beyond the minimum requirements for animal welfare and the use of fertilisers and plant protection products as well as other mandatory requirements established by Union law;

(c) go beyond the conditions established for the maintenance of the agricultural area in accordance with point (a) of Article 4(1);

(d) be different from, or complementary to, commitments in respect of which payments are granted under Article 65;

4. The Commission shall, by ... [two months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138, supplementing this Regulation by establishing a list of performance-based criteria that need to be fulfilled by agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment, complying
with the objectives defined in points (d), (e) and (f) of Article 6(1) and in line with reaching the targets of the Green Deal.

5. The Commission shall by [four months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138, supplement this regulation with an indicative and non-exhaustive list of practices that can qualify for payments for schemes for the climate and environment under Article 28.
Amendment 1223
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 28 c

National lists of practices eligible for schemes for the climate and the environment

1. Member States shall establish, in cooperation with national, regional and local stakeholders, national lists of practices eligible for the schemes for the climate and environment referred to in Article 28, with the possibility to draw from the examples in the indicative and non-exhaustive Union list of practices referred to in Article 28a or establishing further practices that comply with the conditions in Article 28a, taking into account their specific national or regional needs in accordance with Article 96.

Member States shall establish, in cooperation with national, regional and local stakeholders, the national lists of practices eligible for the schemes for the climate, environment and animal welfare referred to in Article 28, with the possibility to draw from the examples in the indicative and non-exhaustive list referred to in Article 28b or establishing further practices that comply with the conditions in Article 28b, and taking into account their specific national or regional needs in accordance with Article 96.

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needs in accordance with Article 96.

2. The national lists shall consist of multiple types of measures other than those covered under Article 65, or of measures of the same nature but with a different level of ambition in accordance with Article 28.

3. The national lists shall be approved by the Commission in accordance with the procedure set out in Articles 106 and 107:

The Commission shall provide the necessary guidance to the Member States when devising the national lists, in coordination with the EU and national CAP Networks provided for in Article 113, to facilitate the exchange of best practices and to improve the knowledge base and find solutions.

When assessing the national lists, the Commission shall in particular take into account the design, the likely effectiveness, uptake, existence of alternatives and contribution of the schemes to the specific objectives referred to in Article 28a.

The assessments shall be made publicly available and, in the event of inadequacy or negative assessments, the Member States shall propose amended national lists and schemes in accordance with the procedure set out in Articles 106 and 107.
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 28d

Schemes for animal welfare
1. Member States shall establish and provide support for voluntary schemes for animal welfare under the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans. These schemes shall aim to contribute to the animal welfare objectives set out in Article 6(1) point (i).

2. Member States shall support under this type of intervention active farmers or groups of farmers who make commitments to observe, maintain and promote agricultural practices and systems improving animal welfare. Concentrated animal feeding operations shall not be eligible for animal welfare schemes.

3. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138 by the latest two months after entry into force of this regulation supplementing this Regulation by establishing the Union list of agricultural practices beneficial for animal welfare, taking into account the conditions
referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article.

Member States shall establish complementary national lists of agricultural practices beneficial for animal welfare through selecting from the Union list referred to in the first subparagraph. Member States shall prioritise schemes that provide co-benefits with climate and environment objectives, and emphasise an integrated approach.

The Commission shall provide the necessary guidance to the Member States when devising the national lists, in coordination with the European and National Common Agricultural Policy Networks as set out in Article 113, to facilitate the exchange of best practices, to improve the knowledge base and solutions for meeting the specific animal welfare objective of point (i) of Article 6(1). Special attention shall be given to the potential replication of measures and schemes tailored to specific local, regional or national and/or environmental contexts or constraints.

In duly justified cases, supplementary schemes that are not established in the Union list may be included in national lists, with the approval of the Commission in accordance with the procedure set out in Articles 106 and 107.

When drafting the lists, the Commission and Member States shall ensure in the process referred to under Chapter III of Title V that the lists are produced as a joint effort between agricultural, veterinarian and environmental authorities, in consultation with experts.

The Commission shall (bi-)annually assess the national lists, taking into account the required efficiency, existence of alternatives and contribution of the schemes to the specific animal welfare objectives of point (i) of Article 6(1). The assessments shall be made publicly available and in cases of inadequacy/negative assessments, the
Member States shall propose amended national lists and schemes in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 107.

4. Those practices shall be designed to meet the specific animal welfare objectives of point (i) of Article 6(1). Practices shall be designed taking due account of the EU Taxonomy Regulation, and it shall be ensured that pursuit of the animal welfare objective does not jeopardise the achievement of the specific objectives of article 6(1) points (d), (e) and (f).

5. Under this type of interventions, Member States shall only provide payments covering commitments which:

   (a) go significantly beyond the minimum requirements for animal welfare, as well as other mandatory requirements established by national and Union law;

   (b) go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements and standards of good agricultural and environmental condition established under Section 2 of Chapter I of this Title and Annex III;

   (c) go beyond the conditions established for the maintenance of the agricultural area in accordance with point (a) of Article 4(1);

   (d) are different from, or complementary to, commitments in respect of which payments are granted under Article 65.

6. Support for animal welfare schemes shall take the form of an annual payment per holding, which may consist of a lump sum or other simplified costs options as referred to in article 77. It shall be granted as payments additional to the basic income support as set out in Subsection 2 of this Section. The level of payments shall vary according to the level of ambition of each intervention or set of interventions, in going beyond the minimum requirements for animal
welfare, as well as other mandatory requirements established by national and Union law. Where Member States are able to confirm, conform to the procedure set out in Article 99, a high level of ambition in their interventions, payments may exceed the simple compensation of additional costs incurred and income foregone, in order to offer an effective incentive for participation.

7. Member States shall exclude animal welfare schemes from a potential reduction of payments as set out in Article 15.

8. Member States shall ensure that interventions under this Article are consistent with those granted under Article 65.

9. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138 supplementing this Regulation with further rules on the animal welfare schemes.
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Coupled income support shall take the form of an annual payment per hectare or animal.

Amendment

3. Coupled income support shall take the form of an annual payment per hectare or animal that may be capped by Member States to ensure better distribution of the support.

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Justification

ENVI position, article 84
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 29 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

3 a. When a Member State proposes voluntary coupled support in its CAP Strategic Plan as envisaged in Article 106, the Commission shall ensure that:

(a) the aid meets the ‘do no harm’ principle;

(b) there is a clear environmental or social need or benefit, justified with empirical quantifiable and independently verifiable evidence;

(c) the support is used to satisfy the Union’s food security needs and does not create distortions of the internal or international markets;

(d) the granting of the coupled income support does not lead to trade outcomes which adversely impact on agro-food sector investment, production and processing development in partner developing countries;

(e) voluntary coupled support is not to be granted for markets that are in crisis due to overproduction or oversupply;

(f) in line with Chapter III of Title V, support for livestock production shall only be granted for low population densities within limits of the ecological carrying
capacities and within a defined maximum livestock stocking density for a given river basin as defined in Directive 2000/60/EC, and is linked to sufficient areas of fodder or grazing to be maintained without external inputs.

(g) voluntary coupled support shall only be granted to beneficiaries whose standards of production are higher than the relevant minimum environmental and animal welfare standards in force.

When the conditions set out in points (a) to (f) are fulfilled, the Commission may approve or, in coordination with that Member State, as described in Articles 115 and 116 of this Regulation, adjust the variables proposed by that Member State.

Or. en

Justification

ENVI 86 (plus ENVI 85 and ENVI 88)
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

1a. Without prejudice to the first subparagraph, support shall not be awarded to intensive animal production. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 138 supplementing this Regulation by defining types of intensive animal production systems ineligible for coupled support, effectively excluding from support dairy, bovine animals or sheep and goats where there is a discrepancy between the number of eligible hectares and number of animals. This provision will take into account shepherding or transhumance practices.

Amendment

Or. en

Justification

ENVI 90
Amendment 1228  
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Proposal for a regulation  
Article 31 – paragraph 2 a (new) 

Text proposed by the Commission  
Amendment  

2a. Concentrated animal feeding operations shall not be eligible for coupled support. 

Or. en  

Justification  
Similar ENVI 93
Amendment 1229
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 31 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

2b. Coupled support income will proportionally exclude the number of heads of cattle whose final destination is the sale for activities related to bullfighting, both by direct sale and through intermediaries.

Amendment

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