Amendment 907
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Report
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 26 – paragraph 3

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<td>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.</td>
<td>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. There shall be no maximum amount of payment per hectare of the redistributive payment for a given claim year.</td>
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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.
Amendment 908
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States may provide for complementary income support for young farmers under the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans.

Amendment

1. Member States shall provide for complementary income support for young farmers and new farmers under the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified in their CAP Strategic Plans.
2. As part of their obligations to contribute to the specific objective 'attract young farmers and facilitate business development in rural areas' set out in point (g) of Article 6(1) and to dedicate at least 2% of their allocations for direct payments to this objective in accordance with Article 86(4), Member States may provide a complementary income support for young farmers who have newly set up for the first time and who are entitled to a payment under the basic income support as referred to in Article 17.

2. As part of their obligations to contribute to the specific objective 'attract young farmers and facilitate business development in rural areas' set out in point (g) of Article 6(1) and to dedicate at least 5% of their allocations for direct payments to this objective in accordance with Article 86(4), Member States shall provide a complementary income support for young farmers and new farmers who have newly set up for the first time and who are entitled to a payment under the basic income support as referred to in Article 17.

Or. en
Amendment 910
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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.

Amendment

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. 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.

Or. en
Amendment 911
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 2

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<td>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.</td>
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Or. en
Amendment 912
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 – paragraph 3

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<td>3. <strong>Member States</strong> shall establish the list of agricultural practices beneficial for the <strong>climate and the environment.</strong></td>
<td>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 eco schemes, based on non-discriminatory criteria.</td>
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Or. en
Amendment 913
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 28 a

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 maintenance and/or 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;

(f) actions to address antimicrobial resistance.

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

(a) precision farming where they lead to reduced inputs and improve the sustainable management of natural resources, in order to reach the relevant Green Deal targets, or precision farming tools that contribute to non-chemical weed management in arable cropping systems;

(b) practices to improve in-field genetic diversity, such as sowing heterogenous material, and in-field crop diversity such as multi-crop, under-sowing or polycultural sowing;

(c) extensive grazing livestock reduction measures 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;[NA1]

(h) agroforestry practices;

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

(j) individual agroecological techniques;

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

(k) 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 a Union catalogue of practices that can qualify for payments for schemes for the climate and environment under Article 28;
Amendment 914
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 28 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 28 b

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 Union catalogue referred to 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.

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

3. Member States shall, at least, include in those lists eco-schemes the use of a farm tool for the sustainable management of nutrients and reduction of inputs, and, where applicable, protection of wetland and appropriate maintenance of peatland. Areas designated pursuant to Directives 92/43/EEC or 2009/147/EC where equivalent action are being carried out shall automatically be regarded as eligible
4. 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.
Article 28 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Article 28 c

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 beneficial for 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.
Amendment 916  
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<td>3. Coupled income support shall take the form of an annual payment per hectare or animal.</td>
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