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European Parliament – June 2020 part-session**

THIS COMMUNICATION INFORMS PARLIAMENT OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION ON AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY PARLIAMENT RELATING TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION DURING THE JUNE 2020 PART-SESSION.

IN THE SECOND PART THE COMMISSION LISTS A NUMBER OF NON-LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY PARLIAMENT DURING THE SAME PART-SESSIONS, WITH EXPLANATIONS AS TO WHY IT WILL NOT BE RESPONDING FORMALLY

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Part One
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ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE – First reading

Follow up to the European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 575/2013 and (EU) 2019/876 as regards adjustments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

- 1. Rapporteur:** Jonas FERNÁNDEZ (S&D / ES)
- 2. Reference numbers:** 2020/0066 (COD) / A9-0113/2020 / P9_TA-PROV(2020)0157
- 3. Date of adoption of the resolution:** 18 June 2020
- 4. Legal basis:** Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
- 5. Competent Parliamentary Committee:** Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)
- 6. Commission's position:** Accepts all amendments.

ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE – First reading

Follow up to the European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 as regards specific measures to provide exceptional temporary support under EAFRD in response to the COVID-19 outbreak

- 1. Rapporteur:** Norbert LINZ (EPP / DE)
- 2. Reference numbers:** 2020/0075(COD) / P9_TA-PROV(2020)0171
- 3. Date of adoption of the resolution:** 19 June 2020
- 4. Legal basis:** Articles 42 and 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
- 5. Competent Parliamentary Committee:** Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)
- 6. Commission's position:** Accepts some amendments.

The Commission's position to the amendments proposed by the European Parliament is as follows:

The European Parliament proposes to specify in recital 3 that the proposed measure should enable the Member States to make use of available funds under their existing rural development programmes in order to support farmers and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) particularly affected by the crisis. **This amendment can be accepted.**

The European Parliament proposes to extend by 6 months (from 31 December 2020 to 30 June 2021) the timeframe for payments to beneficiaries to be made by the Member States. This extension would be accompanied by a restriction to make the grant decision by the end of this year (which was the initially proposed deadline for payments to beneficiaries). **This amendment can be accepted.**

The European Parliament proposes to increase the maximum lump-sum amount for farmers (from EUR 5,000 to EUR 7,000). This increase would be limited in both the amount and the scope (only for farmers, not touching the threshold for Small and Medium Enterprises, SMEs). **This amendment can be accepted.**

The European Parliament proposes to increase the maximum percentage of the EAFRD (European agricultural fund for rural development) envelope per rural development programme that Member States can use for this measure under their programme (from 1% to 2%). **The Commission opposes this amendment.** The additional impact on the level of payment appropriations in 2021 may negatively interfere with the still on-going negotiations on the Multiannual Financial framework (MFF), and jeopardise the other objectives of the Rural Development programmes.

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE – Consultation

Follow up to the European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2011/16/EU to address the urgent need for deferring certain time limits for the filing and exchange of information in the field of taxation due to the COVID-19 pandemic

1. **Rapporteur:** N/A
2. **Reference numbers:** 2020/0081(CNS) / P9_TA-PROV(2020)0170
3. **Date of adoption of the resolution:** 19 June 2020
4. **Legal basis:** Articles 113 and 115 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
5. **Competent Parliamentary Committee:** Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)
6. **Commission's position:** The Commission rejects the amendments

With regard to the reference to **combat tax evasion, tax avoidance and aggressive tax planning through the exchange of information between tax administrations (recital 5)**, although the Commission could accept the spirit of the amendment, in this particular case it considers that the deferral would not result in undermining the efforts to combat tax evasion, tax avoidance and aggressive tax planning. The deferral merely extends the time limit for complying with the obligations to report and exchange information without challenging the nature and content of the obligations. All information due to be reported and/ or exchanged during the deferral period will have to be reported and/or exchanged by the end of the deferral period.

With regard to the proposed amendments to delete the **possibility for an extension of the period of deferral (recital 6 and Article 27b)**, the Commission considers that having the possibility of an extension of the period of the deferral is an appropriate response to the current uncertainty about the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic, which may lead to renewed difficulties.

With regard to the proposed amendment to delete the **Commission's exercise of delegation (Article 27c)**, the Commission considers that, from the moment the possibility to have an extension of the deferral period is maintained, it needs to be clarified how such an extension could be adopted (as laid out in Articles 27b and 27c). The Commission considers however that an implementing decision is an appropriate instrument for the application of the optional extension of the deferral period. During the adoption procedure in Council, the Commission regretted in a statement the use of Council implementing measure instead of a Commission measure. Nevertheless, the Commission did not oppose the proposal as it maintained the exclusive prerogative of the initiative for the Commission and did not amend the substance of the legal act.

Part Two
Non-legislative resolutions

**THE COMMISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO RESPOND FORMALLY TO THE
FOLLOWING NON-LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS, ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT DURING THE JUNE 2020 PART-SESSION**

European Parliament recommendation of 18 June 2020 on the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2020/2023(INI))

Rapporteurs: Kati PIRI, Christophe HANSEN

EP: A9-0117/2020

Date: 18 June 2020

Commissioner responsible: Ursula VON DER LEYEN

Secretariat-General

Reason: The Commission will not provide a written response to the resolution given that the President of the Commission, Ms. VON DER LEYEN, the Vice-President Mr. ŠEFČOVIČ and the Director general of the Task Force for Relations with the United Kingdom, Mr. BARNIER, have already responded in the plenary debate to the requests contained in the resolution.

European Parliament resolution of 18 June 2020 on the European Parliament's position on the Conference on the Future of Europe (2020/2657(RSP))

EP: B9-0170/2020

Date: 18 June 2020

Commissioners responsible: Dubravka ŠUICA

Secretariat-General

Reason: The resolution asks the Council to agree on its position and welcomes the Commissions' Communication from 15 January which defines the position of the Commission and which has not changed since then.

Furthermore, Vice-President Ms. ŠUICA has intervened in plenary during the debate on 17 June, has presented the position of the Commission and has comprehensively addressed all the points raised by the Parliament.

For these reasons, the Commission will not provide a written response to the resolution.

Resolution on the PRC national security law for Hong Kong and the need for the EU to defend Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy (2020/2665(RSP))

EP: B9-0169/2020

Date: 19 June 2020

Commissioners responsible: Josep BORREL

European External Action Service

Reason: The Commission will not be responding formally to the requests addressed in the resolution as they were comprehensively addressed in plenary by High Representative / Vice-President Borrell.