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On page 78, Article 32(5) should read as follows:

- (5) Member States may grant payments under this measure between 2014 and ~~2017~~ **2019** to farmers in areas which were eligible under Article 36(a)(ii) of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 during the 2007-2013 programming period but are no longer eligible following the new delimitation referred to in Article 46-~~33~~ (3). These payments shall be degressive starting in ~~2014~~ **2015** at 80% of the payment received in 2013 and ending in ~~2017~~ **2019** at 20%. **When the level of the payment reaches 25 EUR pr. ha. pr. year due to degressivity, the Member State can continue the minimum payments at this level until 2019.**

On page 79, Article 33(3) should read as follows:

- (3) In order to be eligible for payments under Article 32, areas, other than mountain areas, shall be considered as facing significant natural constraints if at least ~~66~~ **60**% of the UAA meets at least one of the criteria listed in Annex II at the threshold value indicated. Respect of this condition shall be ensured at ~~the appropriate level of local administrative units ("LAU-2" level)~~ **LAU2 level or at the level of a clearly delineated local unit which covers a single clear contiguous geographical area with a definable economic and administrative identity.**

When delimiting the areas concerned by this paragraph, Member States shall undertake a fine-tuning exercise, based on objective criteria, with the purpose of excluding areas in which significant natural constraints in accordance with the first subparagraph have been documented but have been overcome by investments or by, economic activity, **or if production methods or farming systems offset the income loss or added costs referred to in Article 32(1).**

On page 89, Article 40(4)(a) should be **bold underlined** as follows:

4. The financial contributions referred to in Article 37(1)(c) may only relate to:
- (a) **the administrative costs of setting up the mutual fund, spread over a maximum of three years in a degressive manner;**