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from : General Secretariat of the Council

to : SCA/ COUNCIL

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Objet : Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act (LA + S)

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Consultation deadline: 9.7.2012

Council statement

The Council notes that the adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013, is without prejudice to the decisions on the EU's Multiannual Financial Framework post-2013 and to the decisions on the future Common Agricultural Policy post-2013.

Statement by Slovenia and Malta

Considering the importance of timely adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013, Slovenia and Malta support the final compromise.

However Slovenia and Malta consider that some of the amendments to Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 go beyond the scope of a transitional arrangement, in particular the amendments contained in Article 1(4a), (4b) and (4c). In this context Slovenia and Malta would like to emphasize that these amendments only address the concerns of some new Member states and does not take into account comparable concerns related to smooth transition and simplification of other new Member states.
