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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**

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The agenda was approved.

I

2. **Summary record of the 1435<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SCA**

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The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payment to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy**

- *Orientation debate*

13206/12 AGRI 539 AGRIFIN 145 CODEC 2025

The SCA considered further Presidency suggested amendments on the basis of document 13206/12.

The SCA noted the Presidency's summary of the discussion, the main points of which were as follows:

- on the allocation of payment entitlements (Articles 18 and 21) some delegations supported the suggested amendments aiming to provide Member States who face problems related to traditional land tenure patterns and short term contracts with the option of requiring additional proof where the legality of access to or use of the land is in doubt. Other delegations could go along with the Presidency suggestions provided that any such provision remained optional. A number of delegations questioned whether the suggested amendments were necessary or requested further clarification.
- on the national reserve (Article 23) several delegations supported the suggested extension to allow Member States to compensate farmers facing exceptional circumstances . Some delegations had objections or requested further clarification.

- on the activation of payment entitlements (Article 25) some delegations supported the suggested clarification regarding the eligibility of land that was classified as not having been in good agricultural condition on 30 June 2003 but was later maintained in such condition. Other delegations considered such a clarification superfluous or requested further clarification. A few delegations supported the suggestion to widen the possibility to use the reduction coefficient to areas which were not in good agricultural condition in 2003. Some delegations requested a broader discussion on the scope and application of a reduction coefficient or further clarification.

The SCA further took note of delegations' comments relating to other aspects of the text, of the scrutiny reserves entered by some delegations, as well as of the reaction by the Commission representative.

The SCA finally took note of the Presidency's invitation for written comments to be submitted to the General Secretariat by the end of the week, as well as of its intention to reflect on the outcome of the discussion.

#### 4. **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the market in agricultural products (Single CMO regulation)**

- *Orientation debate*

15397/2/11 REV 2 AGRI 680 AGRIFIN 88 AGRIORG 178 CODEC 1657  
13205/12 AGRI 538 AGRIFIN 144 AGRIORG 131 CODEC 2024

The SCA held a discussion on the definition of "adult bovine" animal on the basis of a Presidency paper (doc. 13205/12).

The SCA took note of the Presidency's summary of the discussion and in particular that there was broad support for the Commission proposal to switch from a weight based to an age-based criterion for the purposes of public intervention, private storage and carcass classification of bovine animals. Most delegations were open to removing the word "adult" from that age-based criterion. Although most delegations supported an age criterion of "8 months or more" many delegations considered 12 months was more appropriate.

It was also noted that of those who could accept an age criterion of 8 months, some considered that if the definition of adult bovine were retained the age criterion should be 12 months.

The scrutiny reserve of one delegation was noted.

The SCA also took note of the comments of the Commission representative and, in response to several delegations, that in its view the emerging approach was compatible with the separate issue of definitions, designations and sales description in the beef and veal sector as provided for in Annex VI of the draft Single CMO Regulation.

The SCA finally took note of the Presidency's invitation for written comments to be submitted to the General Secretariat by the end of the week as well as of its intention to reflect the outcome of the discussion in a revised text for discussion by the Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural Questions.

5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development (EAFRD)**

- *Orientation debate*

10878/1/12 REV 1 AGRI 381 AGRISTR 81 CODEC 1552

13217/12 AGRI 541 AGRISTR 108 CODEC 2028

The SCA held an extensive discussion on irrigation, and took note of delegations' views and of the Commission's reply.

6. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council regulation (EC) No 1217/2009 setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Community**

- *Preparation for informal trilogue*

13005/12 AGRIFIN 142 AGRI 526 FIN 593 CODEC 1997

The SCA approved the mandate for the Presidency for the informal trilogue.

7. **Commission delegated Regulation (EU) No .../... of 28.6.2012 supplementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards transnational cooperation and contractual negotiations of producer organisations in the milk and milk products sector**

- *Preparation for the Council Decision on objection/non-objection*

12020/12 AGRI 453 AGRIORG 110 AGRILEG 100 DELACT 30

13197/12 AGRI 537 AGRIORG 130 AGRILEG 122 DELACT 42

Further to the discussions at the meeting of the SCA on 9 July 2012, the Presidency informed delegations that the Council Legal Service had been requested to present its views on the questions raised by the German delegation (cf. doc 13197/12) during the SCA meeting of 10 September in order to be able to check delegations' voting intentions during the SCA of 17 September.

8. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on its next meeting on 10 September in Nicosia as well as on the informal meeting of Ministers on 11 September.

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