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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
12481/16 OJ CSA 13 + COR 1

The agenda was adopted. The SCA accepted to add an AOB item requested by the Slovenian delegation.

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2. **Summary record of the 1532nd meeting of the SCA**
12173/16 CRS CSA 12

The SCA approved the summary record.

II

3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007**

- Exchange of views
10508/16 AGRILEG 100 CODEC 923
12425/16 AGRILEG 133 CODEC 1299

A majority of delegations supported the new approach presented by the Presidency (doc 12425/16) in relation to the empowerment regarding the production rules for plants, wine and yeast (Parts I, V and VI of Annex II). The Presidency also took note of comments made by delegations and the Commission. This new approach will serve as the basis for the forthcoming trilogue negotiations.

4. **Export credit for agriculture**

- Follow-up to the questionnaire
12388/1/16 REV 1 AGRI 494 AGRIFIN 101 AGRIORG 76

The SCA took note of the summary of replies to the questionnaire concerning the opportunity of a EU export credit scheme set out in doc. 12388/1/16, of the Commission's preliminary reaction on the way forward, and of the invitation to delegations to provide their replies by 7 October. The SCA also took note of the support for such a scheme expressed by several additional delegations. The SCA will return to this item at a future meeting.

5. – **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 8.9.2016 providing for exceptional adjustment aid to milk producers and farmers in other livestock sectors**
12046/16 AGRI 468 AGRIFIN 96 AGRIORG 71 DELACT 184 + ADD 1

- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 8.9.2016 laying down temporary exceptional measures for the milk and milk products sector in the form of extending the public intervention period for skimmed milk powder in 2016 and advancing the public intervention period for skimmed milk powder in 2017 and derogating from Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1238 as regards the continued application of Regulation (EC) No 826/2008 with respect to aid for private storage under Implementing Regulation (EU) No 948/2014 and of Regulation (EU) No 1272/2009 with respect to public intervention under this Regulation**
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- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../... of 8.9.2016 providing aid for milk production reduction**
12048/16 AGRI 470 AGRIFIN 98 AGRIORG 73 DELACT 186
- Exchange of views

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission representative as well as of delegations' comments. The SCA also took note of the absence of a qualified majority in the Committee to object to the Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) Nos 2016/1612, 2016/1613 and 2016/1614 and of a simple majority to request an extended consultation period.

6. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1299/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, EU No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (Omnibus proposal)

- Presentation by the Commission
12187/16 CADREFIN 62 POLGEN 104 FIN 556 CODEC 1255 INST 365 FSTR 57
FC 48 REGIO 71 SOC 519 AGRISTR 46 PECHE 315 TRANS 344 ESPACE 37
TELECOM 162 + ADD 1 + ADD 2

In preparation for the Council discussion on 10 October, the SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission, delegations' comments and questions, and of the Presidency's invitation to delegations to provide written contributions by 4 October. The SCA also took note that no delegation objected to having doc. 12187/16 appearing on the agenda of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 10 October.

7. **Special Report No 1/2016 from the European Court of Auditors**
"Is the Commission's system for performance measurement in relation to farmers' incomes well designed and based on sound data?"

- Exchange of views
7834/16 FIN 225 AGRI 179 AGRIFIN 35 AGRISTR 14
12454/16 AGRI 496 AGRIFIN 102 AGRISTR 50 FIN 582

The SCA discussed the above mentioned report and is of the view that, in case a change of policy objectives in relation to farmers' incomes would require a change in data collection methods, then such change should be the result of political and legislative decision-making while giving due consideration to the impact of any change in data collection methods on the administrative burden.

8. **Any other business**

a) **Judgment of the Court of Justice of 7 September 2016 in Case C-113/14 (Federal Republic of Germany v. European Parliament and Council of the European Union) concerning the validity of Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 1370/2013**

- Information from the Council Legal Service
12284/16 JUR 455 AGRI 489 AGRIFIN 100 AGRIORG 75 CODEC 1277

The representative of the CLS presented the information note on the judgment in Case C-113/14 (doc 12284/16), stressing that, in addition to the immediate consequences of the judgment, for the future it would be important for the Council's prerogatives to be respected in relation to all measures falling within the scope of Article 43(3) TFEU, in particular measures on fixing prices and aid. The SCA took note of these explanations and those of the Commission representative, as well as of delegations' questions and comments.

b) **Concerns regarding proposals amending Delegated Regulations (EU) No 639/2014 and No 640/2014 related to greening**

- Information from the Polish delegation
12482/16 AGRI 498 AGRIFIN 103

The SCA took note of the concerns expressed by the Polish delegation as set out in doc. 12482/16 + COR1 and supported by several delegations and of the Commission representative's explanations. The SCA would return to the issue, if necessary, after adoption of the delegated act, in line with the standard procedure.

- c) **World Bee Day**
 - Information from the Slovenian delegation

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Slovenian delegation as well as of the support from the Cyprus delegation and from the Commission to this initiative.

9. **Organisation of future work**

The Presidency informed the SCA on the organisation of the next SCA on 3 October 2016, as well as of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 10 October 2016 in Luxembourg. On this occasion several delegations asked for AOB items to be included to the agenda of that Council.
