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From: Hungarian delegation  
To: Council

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Subject: The impacts on the agricultural sector of the NEC directive (Proposal for a Directive on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants amending Directive 2003/35/EC)  
*- Request from the Hungarian delegation and supported by the Belgian, Estonian, Croatian, Slovak Republic and Latvian Republic.*

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Delegations will find attached a note from the Hungarian delegation, supported by the Belgian, Estonian, Croatian, Slovak Republic and Latvian Republic to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 16 June 2014.

## CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT FROM THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION

The Commission presented the “Clean Air Policy Package” in December 2013. According to the proposal new national emission reduction obligations would be set from 2020 as well as from 2030 for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, non-methane volatile organic compounds, ammonia fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2,5</sub>) and methane.

The emission reduction obligations set out in the abovementioned proposal are particularly relevant for the farming sector, especially the reduction of ammonia and methane, since emission ceilings would substantially affect the entire European agriculture.

At the Agriculture and Fisheries Council held on December 2013, the Commission was requested to regularly report on its proposal in order to keep the ministers informed.

Bearing this in mind, it would be essential to fully involve the decision makers responsible for agricultural issues in these deliberations in order to look at the possible impact of this legislation for the agricultural sector. Therefore, the Agriculture and Fisheries Council should discuss the possibilities of maintaining a sustainable, competitive food production, while addressing air quality issues. The discussion should be based on the results of the negotiations within the Environment Council and carried out in close cooperation with other relevant Council configurations, such as Competitiveness Council. Concerning the agricultural issues, the decision should be made by taking the conclusions of the discussions of the Agricultural Council into account.

Hungary therefore requests the incoming Presidencies to ensure that the AGRIFISH Council has the opportunity to genuinely address the sectorial implications of the proposal as soon as possible and at a later stage as well, whenever it is deemed to be necessary, with respect to the state of negotiations on this dossier.

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