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# **REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL**

## **on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission under Regulation (EU) No 1337/2011 concerning European statistics on permanent crops**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

Article 11(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1337/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 concerning European statistics on permanent crops<sup>1</sup> confers on the Commission the power to adopt delegated acts. Under Article 11(2) of the Regulation, the power to adopt delegated acts is conferred for a period of five years from 31 December 2011. The period ends on 31 December 2016. This power is to be tacitly extended for periods of five years unless the European Parliament or the Council objects.

The Commission is authorised to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 11 to take into account economic and technical developments. The delegated acts may amend:

- the breakdowns of species by groups, density classes and age classes set out in Annex I to the Regulation; and
- the variables/characteristics, size classes, degree of specialisation and vine varieties set out in Annex II.

However, the delegated acts may not change the optional nature of the information required.

In exercising this power, the Commission must ensure that the delegated acts do not impose a significant additional administrative burden on the Member States and on the respondents.

The Commission must draw up a report on the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period.

This brief report fulfils this obligation.

### **2. COMMISSION EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS UNDER REGULATION (EU) No 1337/2011**

The Commission has not yet exercised the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on it by Regulation (EU) No 1337/2011.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 30.12.2011, p. 7.

The Regulation covers the five-yearly collection of structural statistics on orchards and vineyards. The first data on orchards were collected in 2012 and these were delivered to the Commission (Eurostat) at the end of September 2013. Data on vineyards were first collected in 2015 and these are to be delivered to the Commission (Eurostat) by the end of September 2016.

At the time of delivering this report, experience of collecting data under the Regulation is limited to the single data collection on orchards. The Commission has therefore not yet deemed it necessary to exercise the delegated powers.

### **3. CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission has not yet exercised the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on it by Regulation (EU) No 1337/2011.

The Commission is of the view that it should continue to have the delegated powers conferred by Article 11 of the Regulation as in the future it may need to issue a delegated act to modify the points mentioned in Article 4(3) of the Regulation.