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## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### Non-discussion items (I)

## 2. Summary record of the 1591st meeting of the SCA

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The SCA approved the summary record.

### Discussion items (II)

## 3. Post 2020 CAP reform package



a) Regulation on CAP Strategic Plans

*Exchange of views on interventions*

b) Regulation on common market organisation (CMO) of agricultural products

*Exchange of views on redrafted text*

WK 2576/2019

REV 1

14195/18 REV 1

On the basis of a Presidency discussion paper (WK 2576/2019 REV1) the SCA exchanged views on the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on CAP Strategic Plans as regards the reduction of payments (Art. 15), complementary redistributive income support (Art. 26), coupled income support (Art. 86(5)) and investments, including in irrigation (Art. 68(3+4)), as well as payments for natural and other area-specific constraints (Art. 66).

The SCA took note of delegations' and the Commission's comments on those elements.

The SCA also took note of the need to receive additional clarifications from the Commission services on some elements of the proposal to make further progress in the discussion.

The discussion held on the reduction of payments is without prejudice to the negotiations on the MFF.

As regards the Regulation on common market organisation (CMO) of agricultural products; the SCA took note of the revised Presidency suggested amendments as set out in document 14195/18 REV 1 and the comments from delegations and the Commission.

#### 4. Regulation on spirit drinks

*Information from the Commission further to WTO notification*



15168/18

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The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission on the outcome of the WTO procedure. It also took note of the silence procedure running until 27 February, close of business, set by the Presidency to agree on the technical adjustment to Article 1 of the draft Regulation as a result of the WTO notification procedure.

In this light the SCA confirmed the first reading agreement with the European Parliament as reflected in document 15168/18, subject to a further clarification regarding the scope of the draft Regulation in its Article 1, if agreed under the above mentioned silence procedure.

The SCA also took note:

- of the Presidency's intention to inform the European Parliament of the Council's position by sending a letter to this effect once the silence procedure is completed;
- that the draft Regulation will now be finalised by the lawyer linguists of both Institutions; and
- that thereafter the SCA will return to this file prior to adoption by Council, once the Parliament has voted in plenary.

#### 5. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the next SCA meeting on 4 March 2019.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal