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**on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission under  
Regulation (EC) No 138/2004 on the economic accounts for agriculture**

## 1. BACKGROUND

Regulation (EC) No 138/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on economic accounts for agriculture<sup>1</sup> (EAA) was adopted in December 2003. It was amended by Regulation (EU) No 1350/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 amending certain legislative acts in the field of agricultural and fishery statistics to align implementing powers with the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.<sup>2</sup>

Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 138/2004 confers powers to adopt delegated acts on the Commission. According to Article 2(2), the power of delegation can be used to amend the EAA methodology set out in Annex I and, according to Article 3(3), to amend the list of variables for the provision of data set out in Annex II.

Under Article 4(2), the power to adopt delegated acts is conferred for a period of five years from 10 January 2014. This power is to be tacitly extended for periods of five years unless the European Parliament or the Council object.

The Commission is obliged to draw up a report on the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. This report fulfils this obligation.

## 2. COMMISSION EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS UNDER REGULATION (EC) NO 138/2004

The Commission has not yet exercised the power to adopt delegated acts as conferred on it by Regulation (EC) No 138/2004.

Since the delegated powers entered into force in 2014, the Commission has seen no immediate need to update either Annex I or II. It has, however, started internal reflections on methodological and coverage issues that could have an impact in the future.

## 3. CONCLUSIONS

The Commission has not yet exercised the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on it by Regulation (EC) No 138/2004.

The Commission considers that it should continue to have these delegated powers as in the future it may need to adopt a delegated act to modify Annexes I and II of the Regulation as part of the future development of EAA and to meet the needs of data users in the context of the future common agricultural policy.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 33, 5.2.2004, p. 1-87.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 351, 21.12.2013, p. 1-14.