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1. Adoption of the agenda

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The agenda was adopted.

Non-discussion items (I)

2. Summary record of the 1743rd meeting of the SCA

8492/25

The SCA approved the summary record.

3. Regulation amending the POSEI Regulation for outermost regions affected by natural disasters, in particular cyclone Chido devastating Mayotte



8224/25

Confirmation of the final text with a view to agreement

The SCA noted the existence of a qualified majority to approve the text as set out in document 8224/25.

The SCA therefore authorised the Presidency to send a letter to the European Parliament informing it that a first reading agreement could be reached on the Commission's proposal, provided that Parliament agreed to adopt its position in the form of that text.

4. Draft delegated regulation amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/370 of 13 December 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to procedures, time limits for submission by Member States of requests for amendments of CAP Strategic Plans, and further cases for which the maximum number of amendments of CAP Strategic Plans does not apply

8820/25

Intention not to raise objections

The SCA agreed to invite the Council to confirm, as an "A" item at its session on 26 May 2025, that it had no intention to object to the delegated act.

Discussion items (II)

5. Regulation amending the common market organisation (CMO) Regulation as regards the strengthening of the position of farmers in the food supply chain



8769/1/25 REV 1

Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

The SCA discussed the targeted proposal to amend the CMO Regulation based on the Presidency's updated compromise suggestions and gave the Presidency a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament on that basis.

The SCA took note of delegations' and the Commission's comments, in particular the annexed statement by Slovenia.

6. Amending Regulation as regards certain market rules and sectoral support measures in the wine sector and for aromatised wine products



8771/25

Guidance for further work

The SCA discussed the proposal on the Amending Regulation as regards certain market rules and sectoral support measures in the wine sector and for aromatised wine products and provided guidance for further work. The SCA took note of delegations' and the Commission's comments.

7. The European Investment Bank Group (EIBG) support for the agriculture and bioeconomy in the EU¹

Exchange of views

The SCA took note of the information from the representatives of the European Investment Bank Group (EIBG), of the Commission's comments, of delegations' comments and questions, and of the EIBG's replies.

8. Communication on a vision for agriculture and food – summary and recommendations of the Presidency

8772/25

Preparation of the Council debate

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency as set out in note 8772/25 and of the comments of the Commission and of delegations. It therefore prepared the item for the Council meeting on 26 May 2025.

¹ In the presence of the Head of Division of Bioeconomy within the Projects department at the European Investment Bank (EIB), the Head of Division of Financial Institutions Advisory at the EIB and the Head of Sustainable Finance Unit at the European Investment Fund (EIF)

Any other business

9. Omnibus on agriculture



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Information from the Presidency

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Presidency and by the Commission.

The SCA also took note of the comments and questions from delegations.

10. Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the next SCA meeting on 2 June 2025 and the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 26 May 2025. Regarding that Council meeting,

- Italy and Greece requested a public item under “any other business” on “Separate funds between fisheries and agriculture policy”;
- Latvia requested a public item under “any other business”, on the meeting of the three Ministers of Agriculture of the Baltic states which took place in Riga on 11 April 2025;
- The Commission requested a public item under “any other business” on the AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial Conference, which will take place on 25 June 2025 in Rome;
- The SCA agreed that the three AOB items above would be taken in public session in accordance with Article 8(2) of the rules of procedure of the Council.
- Luxembourg informed the SCA about an item under “any other business”, requested at Coreper, on “Simplification of the EUDR: difficulties in implementing the EUDR and the need for substantial simplification”.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal

STATEMENT

Ad item 5: **Regulation amending the common market organisation (CMO)**
Regulation as regards the strengthening of the position of farmers in
the food supply chain

STATEMENT BY SLOVENIA

“Slovenia welcomes and supports the proposal to amend the CMO Regulation, as it represents a significant step towards strengthening the bargaining power of farmers and improving their position within the food supply chain.

However, we regret that the possibility of derogating from competition rules for non-recognised producer organisations and cooperatives has been excluded from the new draft of the Regulation.

For Slovenia, it is of key importance to address the legal status of cooperatives, which, in practice, already operate in a manner comparable to recognised producer organisations. Including the option for exemption would help clarify their position and enhance legal certainty in this regard.”
