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Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee

Quarterly Status Update

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2021/2115 and (EU) 2021/2116 as regards the strengthening of the position of farmers in the food supply chain COM(2024) 577.

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1 Quarterly Status Update

At its meeting on 20th February 2025, the DSC made a decision to monitor [Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations \(EU\) No 1308/2013, \(EU\) 2021/2115 and \(EU\) 2021/2116 as regards the strengthening of the position of farmers in the food supply chain COM\(2024\) 577](#).

Members will be aware that the DAERA [Initial Assessment of Impact](#) on the proposed act (7 April 2025) identified only Article 88a as falling within the scope of the Windsor Framework. Article 88a lays down requirements on the use of optional reserved terms “fair”, “equitable” or terms equivalent to these terms on the labelling, in the presentation, on advertising material or on commercial documents of agricultural products. It also lays down restrictions on the use of the term “short supply chain”.

The proposal is progressing through the ordinary legislative procedure established under the Lisbon Treaty.

The Council’s Agriculture and Fisheries Council (AGRIFISH), which consists of relevant ministers from each EU member state, met on 23 June 2025. At that meeting Council members expressed appreciation of the Presidency’s consideration for their comments.

The Parliament’s AGRI Committee is expected to vote on its [draft Report](#) and [amendments](#) in September, while plenary approval is tentatively expected to take place in September or October 2025. At the end of the process, if adopted, the European Parliament will have established its position on the proposal.

Following adoption of the negotiating position and the General Approach by the European Parliament and the Council, respectively, informal negotiations (trilogues) with the aim of reaching a first reading agreement on the proposal would begin.

Any resulting compromise would need to be approved by the European Parliament and by the Council. Once adopted, the measure would be published in the EU Office Journal and enter into force.

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