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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.

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1 Quarterly Status Update

At its meeting on 20 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.](#)

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

On 19 May, the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) met to discuss the Council's mandate for negotiations with the Parliament (not made available as of yet) on the Commission's proposal aiming to strengthen the position of farmers in the food supply chain. Following the discussion, the members also decided to adopt the General Approach during the same meeting and issued a [press release](#) summarising the key elements of the mandate.

However, as the UK Government's [explanatory memorandum](#) explains, only the amendment which introduces Article 88a "Optional terms for commercial modalities" to the CMO Regulation falls within scope of Annex 2 of the Windsor Framework. This amendment seeks to establish requirements for the use of optional terms "fair", "equitable" (and equivalent terms), and "short supply chain", on the labelling, in the presentation, on advertising material or on commercial documents of agricultural products. As such, the scope of the proposal in relation to the work of the DSC is limited.

Following the adoption of the General Approach, the Council is now ready to begin the informal interinstitutional (trilogue) negotiations with the Parliament on the proposal.

Separately, the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) met on 5 May 2025 to review the [draft report](#).

A vote in the AGRI Committee on both the draft report and amendments, if any, will take place, ahead of a final vote in plenary. The Committee vote will likely take place in the second quarter of 2025, while the plenary approval is tentatively expected to take place in the third quarter of 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 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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