

UPDATE OF THE SECTORAL REDUCTION PLAN (NOVEMBER 2010)

Reduction measures referred to in Annex C of COM(2009)544

Agriculture	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Simplifying formalities for farmers benefiting from the "Single Payment Scheme" (part of the 'Health Check')	-250.0	Adopted Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009
2. Reducing farmers' book-keeping and inspection costs stemming from "cross-compliance" obligations	-5.5	Adopted Commission Regulation (EC) No 1550/2007 of 20 December 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 796/2004
3. Reducing the number of agricultural products for which a licence is necessary	-6.0	Adopted Commission Regulation (EC) No 514/2008 of 9 June 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 376/2008
4. Simplifying egg labelling	-606.7	Adopted Commission Regulation (EC) No 557/2007 of 23 May 2007
5. Reducing inspection costs stemming from marketing standards for fruits and vegetables	-973.7	Adopted Commission Regulation (EC) No 1221/2008 of 5 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1580/2007
6. Suppressing administrative burdens linked to special support schemes (part of the 'Health Check')	-28.0	Adopted Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007; Council Regulation (EC) No 72/2009 of 19 January 2009
7. Reducing information obligations for payments to farmers by abolishing the 10-month-rule	-21.5	Adopted Council Regulation (EC) No 146/2008 of 14 February 2008
8. Repealing legal requirements on registration of contracts in the hops sector	n/a	Under consideration
9. Simplifying controls on farmers by striving for appropriate control rates	n/a	Adopted as part of simplification package on 30 September 2010, cf. COM (2010) 237 and COM (2010) 239; Working Documents DS/2009/27 and DS/2009/28
10. Simplifying EU schemes and marketing standards in the context of the agricultural product quality policy	n/a	Under preparation (Adoption is foreseen for end of 2010)
11. Increasing the tolerable risk of errors for funds used in rural development	n/a	Preparation completed COM (2010) 261 final; SEC (2010) 640; SEC (2010) 641
12. Concentrating cross-compliance rules in one legal instrument	n/a	Under consideration
13. Reducing control frequency related to dried fodder	-16.2	The support scheme for dried fodder will end in 2012
14. Simplifying measures implementing the Single Payment Scheme for farmers, including cross-compliance, modulation and the integrated administration and control system	n/a	Adopted as part of simplification package on 30 September 2010 (COM (2010) 239). Cf. Commission Regulations (EC) No 1122/2009; No 146/2010; No 1120/2009; COM (2010)537; COM (2010) 539; Working Documents DS/2009/32 10; DS/2009/27; DS/2009/28
Sectoral Total	-1 907.6	

Annual Accounts / Company Law	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Allowing more small and medium sized companies to benefit from simplified accounting/auditing regimes	- 862.6	Adopted Directive 2006/46/EC of 14 June 2006 amending Council Directives 78/660/EEC, 83/349/EEC, 86/635/EEC and 91/674/EEC
2. Limiting the amount of information in the notes to the accounts for medium sized enterprises Clarifying that consolidated accounts are not required if all subsidiaries are non-material	- 8.2	Adopted Directive 2009/49/EC of 18 June 2009
3. Allowing Member States to exempt micro-enterprises from accounting directives	- 6300.0	Proposed COD/2009/0035 Proposal for an amending Directive COM(2009)83 of 26 February 2009; EP approval on 10 March 2010, Council decision pending
4. Modernizing EU accounting directives through a general overhaul	n/a	Under preparation (Target date: 2011/06)
5. Simplifying the publication and translation of financial information	- 611.6	Proposed COD/2008/0083 Proposal for an amending Directive COM(2008)194 of 17 April 2008. Council Decision pending
6. Simplifying the obligations related to changes to the capital of public limited liability companies	- 150.0	Adopted Directive 2006/68/EC of 6 September 2006 amending Council Directive 77/91/EEC
7. Abolishing the obligation to provide an independent expert's report on merger or division in case of waiver	- 170.1	Adopted Directive 2007/63/EC of 13 November 2007
8. Simplifying the reporting requirements in case of a merger or division	- 172.0	Adopted Directive 2009/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009
9. Simplification of reporting of companies in the form of a Societas Europaea (SE)	n/a	Under preparation (Target date: 2012)
10. Interconnection of business registers	- 69.0	Under preparation (Target date: 2011/01)
Sectoral Total	- 8343.5	

Cohesion Policy	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Reducing administrative burdens for projects (co)financed by EU structural funds regarded as revenue-generating	- 18.4	Adopted Council Regulation (EC) No 1341/2008 of 18 December 2008
2. Simplifying the management and control of operations co-financed by the ESF and the ERDF	- 45.8	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 396/2009 of 6 May 2009 and Regulation (EC) No 397/2009 of 6 May 2009
3. Simplifying and clarifying general provisions on the ERDF, ESF and the Cohesion Fund	- 33.4	Adopted Commission Regulation (EC) No 846/2009 of 1 September 2009
4. Providing guidance and training on control and audits of Structural Funds	- 20.0	Adopted. Guidance notes (on annual control reports and opinions; on reliance on the work of other auditors; on management verifications on certification; on partial closure; on revenue generating projects; and on fraud indicators)
5. Facilitating, simplifying and clarifying certain general provisions on the ERDF, ESF and the Cohesion Fund ...	- 62.3	Adopted Regulation (EU) No 539/2010 of 16 June 2010
6. Developing, at national/regional level, central clearing houses for Cohesion Policy reporting	- 55.0	Under consideration. Concrete measures will be defined on the basis of the feasibility study which will be completed at the end of 2010
Sectoral Total	- 234.9	

Environment	Change in the level of AB	State of play
1. Simplifying procedures for controlling waste shipments	- 3.6	Adopted
2. Simplifying the regime for integrated pollution prevention and control	- 32.0	Proposed COD/2007/0286. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions COM (2007) 844 of 21 December 2007. Council Decision pending
3. Harmonize nat. information obligations on waste electrical/electronic equipment and ensure register Interoperability	- 66.0	Proposed COD/2008/0241 Proposal for a Directive on waste electrical and electronical equipment. COM (2008) 810 of 3 December 2008. Awaiting EP 1 st reading
4. Streamlining reporting obligations on substances depleting the ozone layer	- 0.5	Adopted Regulation (EC) N° 1005/2009 of 16 September 2009
5. Simplifying authorisation procedures for the placing of biocidal products on the market	- 140.0	Proposed COD/2009/0076 Proposal for a Regulation concerning the placing in the market and use of biocidal products COM(2009) 267 of 12 June 2009. Awaiting EP 1 st reading
6. Setting up a website for submitting and changing notifications of presence or changes of dangerous substances	- 1.5	The notification procedure is handled by Member States. The Commission has already drawn their attention to this recommendation, and will again mention it during further discussions on the revision of the Seveso directive
7. Improving coordination between IPPC and Seveso inspections by national authorities (legislative proposal)	- 1.1	Proposed COD 2007/0286 Proposal for a Directive on industrial emissions COM(2007)844
8. Improving coordination between IPPC and Seveso inspections by national authorities (implementing provisions)		Awaiting Council decision, 2 nd reading EP agreement on 2 nd reading agreed on 2010-10-25
9. Encouraging Member States to update IPPC permits rather than demanding their renewal	- 5.0	Proposed Awaiting Council decision, 2 nd reading . EP agreement on 2 nd reading agreed on 2010-10-25
10. Simplifying and streamlining the notification system for shipments of waste	- 44.0	The Commission has recommended to MS to introduce such a system per Letter to the Perm Reps in July 2010. This is a matter of implementation, under the responsibility of MS
11. Introducing online systems through which treatment facilities can issue vehicle destruction certificates	- 9.0	The Commission recommended MS to set up an IT system, as this is a matter for implementation by MS.
Sectoral Total	-302.7	

Financial Services	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Revising capital and solvency requirements for credit institutions	16.7	Adopted Directive 2006/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006
2. Revising mandatory and solvency capital requirements for insurance and reinsurance companies (Solvency II)	0.9	Adopted. Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009. This directive is adopted in accordance with the Lamfalussy process (level 1) and the Commission is still working on the level 2 text that will implement level 1. Consequently the change in the level of AB is estimated and will be confirmed in the level 2 text.
3. Reducing administrative burdens on “Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities” (UCITS)	- 45.0	Adopted Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009
4. Simplifying rules on large exposures of credit institutions	- 105.0	Adopted Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009
5. Abolishing the obligation to report on initial capital, own funds and investment limitation for e-money service providers	-2.4	Adopted Directive 2009/110/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009
6. Reducing reporting duties on cross border payments	- 6.7	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 924/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009
7. Harmonising the use of the XBRL for prudential reporting	n/a	Under consideration
8. Simplifying the provision of pre-contractual information required from insurance companies	n/a	Under consideration
9. Improving guidance for application of authorisation of insurance undertakings	n/a	Under consideration
10. Harmonizing the format and frequency of reporting by credit institutions and investment firms	n/a	Adopted. Directive 2009/111/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 16 September 2009. A possible measurement of the change in the level of AB will be clarified, as it was not measured from the outset. The provision was introduced during the legislative process by the EP / Council
11. Exempting unlisted insurance companies and credit institutions from yearly notification of shareholdings	n/a	Under consideration
Sectoral Total	-141.5	

Fisheries	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Using electronic logbooks for vessels above 15 m length	-19.0	Adopted. Council Regulation (EC) No 1966/2006 of 21 December 2006; and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1077/2008 of 3 November
2. Extending the use of electronic logbooks to certain types of vessels	-6.5	Adopted. Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009
3. Introducing a standard method for fishing inspections across the EU	-0.4	Adopted. Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009; Regulation (EU) No 599/2010
4. Risk-based approach for top-rated vessels	n/a	Under consideration
Sectoral Total	-25.9	

Food Safety	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Simplifying bovine identification procedures and repealing provisions on voluntary beef labelling Repealing provisions on voluntary beef labelling	- 0.4	Under preparation Planned adoption : 2 nd quarter 2011
2. Simplifying ovine identification procedure	n/a	Adopted Commission Regulation (EC) No 759/2009 of 19 August 2009
3. Reducing paperwork for transporters thanks to Satellite tracking of animal transport	- 1 361.0	Under consideration Complex problem related to data protection
4. Reducing the number of veterinary checks on intra-community maritime trade	n/a	Adopted SANCO/10473/2009 – Guidance Document on procedures for checks on live animals and products of animal origin arriving at EU points of entry which have full veterinary clearance for the EU market
5. Eliminating veterinary border inspections posts between the EU and Switzerland	- 1.3	Adopted Decision no 1/2008 of the joint veterinary committee set up by the agreement between the EC and the Swiss Conf.on on trade in agricultural products of 23 Dec. 2008
6. Streamlining legislation on the production, marketing and use of animal by-products	- 21.2	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of 21 October 2009 Implementing rules agreed on 2010-10-12
7. Abolishing authorisation procedures and simplifying labelling requirements for feed materials	- 2.0	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 of 13 July 2009
8. Enhancing and Simplifying the EU Plant health regime	n/a	Under preparation
9. Setting a common and shorter authorisation procedure for food improvement agents	- 0.1	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008
10. Simplifying general food labelling and nutritional labelling	103.8	Proposed Awaiting Council 1st reading position
11. Identifying technological solutions for small shops that would ease the burden imposed by the obligation to display the unit price		Under consideration
Sectoral Total	- 1 282.2	

Pharmaceutical Legislation	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Simplifying the procedure to report "Variations" (changes) to medicines already authorised for marketing	-40.0	Adopted Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/2008 of 24 of November 2008; Directive 2009/53/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009
2. Simplifying pharmaco-vigilance reporting obligations	-61.0	Proposed COD/2008 0260 Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council, COM(2008) 665 of 10 December 2008. awaiting Council 1 st reading position
3. Simplifying the application to commence a clinical trial required to test new medicines	-37.4	Under preparation Commission Communication COM(2008) 666. The change in the level of AB is estimated. The actual level will be confirmed in the final proposal by the Commission.
4. Reducing administrative burdens resulting from the veterinary medicines legislation	-16.1	Under preparation The change in the level of AB is estimated. The actual level will be confirmed in the final proposal by the Commission.
5. Simplifying Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin	-0.1	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council
6. Streamlining the processing of the marketing authorization for medicinal products for human use	n/a	Under consideration
Sectoral Total	-154.6	

Public Procurement	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Submitting tender documents for public procurement only by the winning enterprise and only once	- 12.5	Adopted European Code of Best Practices Facilitating Access by SMEs to Public Procurement Contracts, SEC(2008) 2193
2. Creating a 'Virtual Company Dossier' for businesses in public procurement procedures	- 47.6	Under preparation
3. Creating an online information database on business certificates for public procurement procedures	n/a	Under preparation
Sectoral Total	-60.1	

Statistics	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Reducing the number of respondents for compiling statistics on intra-EU trade	- 134.3	Adopted Regulation (EC) 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004
2. Reducing reporting requirements for compiling statistics on intra-EU trade	n/a	Under consideration
3. Reducing the administrative burden on businesses by introducing enhanced eGov solutions	n/a	Proposed to Member States MEETS programme
4. Updating the statistics on fruit trees in line with today's needs	n/a	Proposed COD/2010/0133. Proposal for a Regulation of the Eur. Parliament and Council concerning European statistics on permanent crops. Awaiting EP 1 st reading
5. Reducing reporting obligations on pig livestock and meat	- 3.7	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008
6. Reducing reporting obligations on bovine livestock and meat	- 1.2	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008
7. Reducing reporting requirements on industrial production in the EU	- 101.6	Adopted Annual Prodcum lists implementing Council Regulation 3924/91 (e.g. Commission Regulation (EC) No 36/2009 of 11 July 2008)
8. Reducing reporting requirements for Structural Business Statistics	- 19.0	Adopted Regulation (EC) 295/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 March 2008
9. Reducing the administrative burden for businesses stemming from Structural Business Statistics surveys	n/a	Proposed to Member States MEETS programme
10. Simplifying the statistics on business investments for environmental purposes	n/a	Under preparation
11. Reducing reporting requirements for statistics on Information and Communication Technologies	- 3.7	Adopted Commission Regulation (EC) No 847/2007 of 18 July 2007
12. Reducing reporting requirements for producing Short-Term Statistics	- 64.8	Adopted Regulation 1158/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005
13. Reducing reporting requirements for statistics on tourism	-1.3	Proposed COD/2010/0063 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and Council concerning European statistics on tourism. Awaiting EP 1 st reading
14. Reducing reporting requirements on road transport	n/a	Under consideration
15. Simplifying the legislation relating to statistics on sea transport	n/a	Adopted Commission Decision of 14 April 2010 amending Directive 2009/42/EC of the European Parliament and Council
Sectoral Total	- 329.6	

Taxation and Customs	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Suppressing additional requirements on invoices and enabling wider use of electronic invoicing	- 18 803.8	Adopted Council Directive 2010/45/EU of 13 July 2010
2. Suppressing, in the VAT refund procedure, the obligation to complete paper forms in the language of the Member State of refund	- 447.0	Adopted Council Directive 2008/9/EC of 12 February 2008
3. Simplifying the rules concerning the place of supply of services	- 463.0	Adopted Council Directive 2008/8/EC of 12 February 2008
4. Setting up a one stop shop and increasing thresholds of special schemes for SMEs and distance sales	- 4 397.4	Proposed. CNS/2004/0261 - Proposal for a Council Directive COM (2004) 728 of 29 October 2004. Awaiting Council Decision
5. Adapting the frequency of the recapitulative statements on cross-border transactions and switching to an electronic procedure	203.9	Adopted Council Directive 2008/117/EC of 16 December 2008
6. Abolishing Annual Summarizing VAT Return	n/a	Under consideration.
7. Reducing the frequency of the periodical VAT return	n/a	Under consideration.
8. Simplifying proof required for VAT export exemption	n/a	Under consideration
9. Abolishing Intra-community Acquisitions Listing	n/a	Under consideration
10. Abolishing "nil" Intra- Community Sales Listings	n/a	Under consideration
11. Introducing a real-time VAT collection system	n/a	Under consideration
12. Facilitating the use of the power of attorney for the submission of VAT returns and listings	n/a	Under consideration
13. Increasing the use of egovernment Solutions	n/a	Under consideration
14. Integrating VAT registration into general business registration	n/a	Under consideration
15. Harmonize measures to combat VAT fraud along best practices	n/a	Under consideration
16. Simplifying the use of VAT Groups	n/a	Follow up under consideration (Green Paper on the future of VAT) VAT grouping: guidance has already been produced by way of a Communication (COM(2009) 325
17. Modernizing customs procedure and especially switch to a fully electronic customs procedure (legislative proposal)	- 2 427.0	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 450/2008 of 23 April 2008 ; Decision No 70/2008/EC 1 of 15 January 2008
18. Modernizing customs procedure by and especially switch to a fully electronic customs procedure (implementing provisions)	n/a	Under preparation (Target: End 2011)
19. Simplifying Regular Shipping Services	n/a	Adopted Commission Regulation (EU) No 177/2010 of 2 March 2010
Sectoral Total	-26 334.3	

Transport	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Reducing time spent to register and transmit information on road transport by the introduction of digital tachographs	- 286.6	Adopted Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006
2. Simplifying the use of digital tachographs and improving the "form of activities"	- 234.5	Adopted Commission Regulation 1266/2009 of 16 Dec. 2009 and Commission Decision of 14 Dec. 2009
3. Exempting small craft businesses from tachograph requirement for short journeys	- 82.0	Under preparation
4. Facilitating remote downloading of data from the tachograph and driver card	- 184.5	Under preparation
5. Decreasing the minimum period for keeping the driver card information in the vehicle from 28 to 7 days	n/a	Under consideration
6. Integrating the current digital tachographs into onboard computers	n/a	Under consideration
7. Make broader national use of all exception categories defined in the EU tachograph regulation	n/a	Under consideration
8. Facilitating cross-acceptance of rolling-stock	- 0.4	Adopted Directive 2008/57/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008
9. Defining the requirements and formats for the submission of a safety report more clearly	- 0.1	Under consideration
10. Simplifying obligations for road haulage and road passenger transport	- 34.9	Adopted Regulation 1071/2009 of 21/10/2009 and Regulation 1072/2009 of 21/10/2009
11. Simplifying EU legislation on the inland transport of dangerous goods	- 2.2	Adopted Directive 2008/68/EC of the Eur. Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008
12. Abolishing the notification of transport tariffs and alleviating the obligation to keep documentary evidence onboard	- 114.7	Adopted - Council Regulation (EC) No 569/2008 of 12 June 2008
13. Reducing formalities in Short Sea Shipping	- 75.0	Adopted - Directive 2010/65/EU of the European parliament and the Council of 20 October 2010
Sectoral Total	- 1 014.9	

Working Environment/Employment Relations	Change in the level of AB (million €)	State of play
1. Improving the guidance for businesses on health and safety of workers	- 92.5 In addition, the reduction of costs resulting from the Common Principles still needs to be assessed	Adopted The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, "Guidance on Risk Assessment - tool & check list" (2006, 2007); "SLIC Common Principles for Labour Inspection in relation to Health and Safety in the Workplace" (revised 2006).
2. Easing the drafting of risk assessments on health and safety in businesses	n/a (still to be assessed)	Under preparation: <i>inter alia</i> the preparation by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work of OiRA (Online interactive Risk Assessment Tool).
3. Exempting very small firms from having to produce a written assessment of the risks to health and safety	- 135.0	Under consideration
4. Facilitate lighter transpositions by Member States of the Health and Safety of Workers Framework Directive	- 230.0	Under consideration
5. Making labour inspection visits more efficient	n/a (still to be assessed)	Achieved through other means The measure has been achieved through the methods for sharing knowledge and good practice of the "Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee" (SLIC), as well as their Common Principles for Labour Inspection. These principles set a benchmark for all EU labour inspection services as they provide a framework for the organization of a modern labour inspection system The reduction potential of this has not yet been estimated.
6. Improving the guidance for construction site enterprises	- 140.0	Adopted Guidance document adopted by the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work" (ACSH) on 25 June 2010. To be published by the end of 2010.
7. Improve the efficiency of regulations concerning the European Works Councils	-0.02	Adopted Directive 2009/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 on the establishment of a European Works Council or a procedure in Community-scale undertakings and Community-scale groups of undertakings for the purposes of informing and consulting employees (recast)
8. Improving ways to handle key information on carcinogens (Updating of the Carcinogens Directive)	n/a	Under preparation: the Commission is currently reviewing Directive 2004/37, and envisages including new substances for which there is sufficient scientific evidence that they could fall under its scope.
Sectoral Total	- 597.5	