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SUMMARY RECORD

*Joint Meeting of the Committee for Direct Payments and Rural Development
Committee*

Date: 26 June 2018

Chair: Mr Owen JONES

Delegations present: All Member States were present, except Bulgaria and Romania.

(1) New Technologies and the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS):

Q & A document on Regulation (EU) 2018/746 introducing new technologies in IACS.

Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2018/746, the Commission is elaborating two documents aimed at supporting MS who would like to introduce Sentinels-based monitoring techniques in IACS: a Q&A document and Common Technical Specifications on Monitoring (CTSM). While work on the latter will be presented to MS at the meeting in July, the Commission presented the Q&A document which constitutes further legal clarifications of Article 40a on checks by monitoring. This document was prepared compiling MS questions on this Regulation which could not be addressed in the legal text itself. The Commission pointed out that the document proposes in point 9 a model of limiting follow-up of “yellow parcels” and asked MS to carefully assess the proposal and send in writing any comments or alternative models MS may be considering. MS were also asked to note that some of the very technical comments were not addressed in this document, as it was felt they may be better accommodated in the CTSM.

The Committees' members welcomed the presentation and thanked the Commission for the clarifications provided. MS also raised some points and the Commission provided initial reactions. MS can send additional comments by Tuesday 3/07/2018 to AGRI DP MEETINGS AGRI-DP-MEETINGS@ec.europa.eu.

A revised version of the Q&A document will be presented at the meeting in July.

(2) Greening derogation:

Exchange of views on a draft derogation for Portugal, Finland and Sweden from certain greening obligations following severe drought in the beginning of 2018.

The Commission representative presented the draft derogation concerning certain non-production requirements under the greening scheme due to severe drought situation. It was underlined that such derogations have to meet several conditions set by the underlying legislation. Next steps in the procedure were also explained.

(3) AOB

- Several MS mentioned facing severe adverse weather conditions in the past months and that they will probably ask the Commission whether some derogations could be granted regarding advance payments and greening to support their farmers. The Commission asked MS to send their official requests as soon as possible.

- The Commission informed MS of a change in interpretation of legal provisions applicable to the application of over-declaration penalties in cases of requests of allocation of payment entitlements. The legal interpretation given in the letter to Croatia (Ares(2018)1284012, published on Circabc) prevails over the position expressed in the letter to the Netherlands in 2016 (Ares(2016)1499671, published on Circabc).

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List of participants – Summary Record

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MEMBER STATE	Ministry Or Organisation	NUMBER OF PERSONS
BE	Vlaamse Overheid	1
	Service Public de Wallonie	1
BG		
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture	1
DK	Landbrugsstyrelsen	2
DE	Ministry of Food and Agriculture	2
	Die Länder	1
EE	Ministry of Rural Affairs	1
	Agricultural Registers and Information Board	1
IE	DAFM	2
EL	OPEKEPE- Greek Paying Agency	1
ES	FOGGA	1
	FEGA	2
FR	Ministère de l'Agriculture	1
HR	Paying Agency	2
IT	Ministry of Agriculture	2
CY	P.R.	1
LV	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency – Rural Support Service	1
LT	Airbc	1
	National Paying Agency	1
	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	P.R.	1
LU	Paying Agency	2
HU	Ministry of Agriculture	2
	Hungarian State Treasury	2
MT	ARPA	1
NL	Ministry of Agriculture	1
	Paying Agency	1

AT	BMNT	1
	AMA	1
PL	MARD	2
	ARMA	1
PT	GPP	1
	IFAP	1
RO		
SI	Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Food	1
	Paying Agency	1
SK	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	2
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	2
SE	Board of Agriculture	2
UK	DEFRA	2
	Rural Payments Agency	
<i>TOTAL</i>		54