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The Single Payment Scheme, which is the most important part of direct payments, is a decoupled scheme. Farmers have no obligation to produce: they are free to respond to market signals and adapt farming accordingly.

In addition to the single payment, farmers may still receive coupled aid under other specific support schemes linked to the area under crops or to production. This situation is temporary since, further decoupling will be pursued with all payments being decoupled at the latest as of 2012, except for the suckler cows, sheep and goat and cotton schemes which may remain coupled.

The year of integration that Member States could choose from are listed in annex XI to Regulation (EC) No 73/2009. As a consequence, all other coupled payments will be fully integrated into the SPS as of 2012.

ANNEX XI of Regulation (EC) No 73/2009

Integration of coupled support into the single payment scheme as referred to in Article 63

1.

(a) From 2010, the specific quality premium for durum wheat provided for in Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;

(b) from 2012 at the latest, the protein crop premium provided for in Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of this Regulation;

(c) from 2012 at the latest, the crop specific payment for rice provided for in Section 1 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of this Regulation;

(d) from 2012 at the latest, the area payment for nuts provided for in Section 4 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of this Regulation;

(e) from 2012 at the latest, the production aid for starch potato growers provided for in Section 2 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of this Regulation.

2.

- (a) From 2012, the aid for processing dried fodder provided for in Subsection I of Section I of Chapter 4 of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007;
- (b) from 2012, the aid for processing flax and hemp grown for fibre provided for in Subsection II of Section I of Chapter 4 of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007;
- (c) from 2012, the potato starch premium provided for in Article 95a of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007;
- (d) from 2012, the transitional soft fruit payment provided for in Section 9 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of this Regulation.

3.

From 2010, where a Member State granted the:

- (a) arable crops area payment provided for in Chapter 10 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;
- (b) aid for olive groves provided for in Chapter 10b of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;
- (c) hops area aid provided for in Chapter 10d of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003.

From 2012 at the latest, where a Member State granted the:

- (a) seed aid provided for in Section 5 of Chapter 1 of Title IV of this Regulation;
- (b) the beef and veal payments, except the suckler cow premium provided for in Article 53 of this Regulation.

4.

As from 2010, where a Member State in application of Article 51(1) of this Regulation no longer grants the following payments or where it decides to grant them at a lower level:

- (a) the sheep and goat payments referred to in Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003;
- (b) the beef and veal payments referred to in Article 68 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 or in Article 53(2) of this Regulation, in case of application of the second subparagraph of Article 51(1) of this Regulation;
- (c) the transitional fruit and vegetable payments referred to in Article 68b of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003

Legal References

Basic Act: Regulation (EC) No 73/2009. OJ L 30 of 31.1.2009, p. 16

Implementing Regulation (EC) No 1121/2009 OJ L 316 of 2.12.2009, p. 27