



Main CAP simplification measures (1)

Direct Payments Regulation 1307/2013

Issue	Modification(s)
Active farmer	1) More flexibility for Member States to choose by which test entities they can prove they are active
	2) as from claim year 2018 the whole clause becomes voluntary, so Member States can decide whether or not to apply the Active Farmer rules
Young farmer payment	The maximum number of hectares with the top-up no longer applies, unless it is needed to respect the 2 per cent ceiling
SAPS	Possibility of using unspent funds for Member States applying the SAPS (i.e. overbooking mechanism)
Voluntary Coupled Support	In times of market crisis, Member States can decide to “decouple” the Voluntary Coupled Support (as already done for 2017 for the dairy sector by a Commission implementing regulation). This proposal allows such a move to continue for 2018 and following years.



Main CAP simplification measures (2)

Rural Development Regulation 1305/2013

Issue	Modification(s)
Support to young farmers	More flexibility regarding the support to young farmers
Financial Instruments	Several changes to ease (and harmonise with other European Structural & Investment Funds) the rules to be respected by Financial Instruments.
Income stabilisation tool	Introduction of a sector-specific (agricultural) income stabilisation tool
Simplification of the rules on selection criteria	Simplification of the rules on selection criteria
Quicker availability of EU funding	Investment projects in connection with the refugee crisis can be eligible for EU financing as from the date of the event and not only as from the date of programme modification or application for support. The same flexibility will apply to EU support in case of catastrophic events in rural areas.



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Main CAP simplification measures (3)

CMO Regulation 1308/2013

Issue	Modification(s)
Operational programmes (Fruit & Vegetables sector)	Several changes for operational programmes in the Fruit & Vegetables sector
Import quotas	Simplification in the management of import quotas (publish information on the internet rather than adopt Commission regulations)

Horizontal Regulation 1306/2013

Issue	Modification(s)
Financial discipline procedure	Financial discipline procedure simplified to be managed by the Commission alone
50/50 rule for clearing irregularity cases	The so-called 50/50 rule for clearing irregularity cases to be replaced by a 100% rule, which would simplify the management of this system
Public procurement rules.	New, more proportionate rules on the recovery of undue payments in the case of violations of public procurement rules.