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OPINION

of the ROMANIAN SENATE, on the

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)

COM(2011) 626 final

The Senate of Romania has checked the compliance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) – COM (2011)626 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, the Plenum of the Senate, during its session of the 6th December 2011, has found that the examined proposal is in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity and the principle of proportionality. Nevertheless, following the analysis of the content of the proposal and in the perspective of the negotiations to come on the adoption of the reform package of the common agricultural policy, the Senate considers as necessary a further analysis of the following issues:

- a) Establishment of marketing years for the sector of fresh fruits and vegetables and fruits and vegetables for processing, provided at art. 6 by delegated acts of the Commission, within the proposed regulation, since it is an essential element;
- b) Establishment of an average market price from which the procedure of private storage aid can be triggered within the conditions for granting aid, referred to in art. 17;
- c) Implications arising on the EU market when quit the sugar quota;
- d) Possibility to introduce in the Apiculture Program, as being up to the Member States, a measure on distribution of honey to children in educational institutions and institutionalized elders.

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