



Parliament of Romania
Senate

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OPINION

of the SENATE OF ROMANIA

on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) no. 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2017

COM (2017) 150 final

The Senate of Romania has examined the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) no. 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2017 - COM (2017) 150 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for European Affairs no. LXII/338/17.05.2017, **the plenum of the Senate**, during its session of 23rd May 2017, has decided the following:


- (1) Notes that the proposed Regulation complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality in fixing and applying the adjustment rate for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2017.
- (2) Appreciates that the purpose of this proposal of Regulation is to regulate the establishment of a reserve for crises situations by applying, at the beginning of each year, of a reduction of direct payments by means of the financial discipline mechanism provided for in Article 26 of the Regulation (EU) no. 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy.

The reserve is established to support the agricultural sector in case of major crises affecting the agricultural production or distribution.

- (3) Considers that, for the clarity of the use of the reserve, it is necessary to update the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) no. 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2017, by inserting, in the "CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL" chapter, of the following specification:

The amounts established as reserve for crises situations, are made available for the measures to which applies the Regulation (EU) no. 1308/2013 of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) no. 922/72, (EEC) no. 234/79, (EC) no. 1037/2001 and (EC) no. 1234/2007, for any kind of expenditure under Articles 8 to 21, 196 to 204, 219, 220, 221 of this Regulation.

p. President of the Senate



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