The payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment - Greening

MS notifications in 2015 – state of play

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This working document has been prepared by DG AGRI staff in order to facilitate the discussion in the Expert group for direct payments. It has the purpose to inform the Expert group of the results of the notifications sent in 2015.

The assessment of the notified decisions and provided information is still ongoing. The information reported at this stage does not prejudge any further clarifications requests from the Commission to MS.

This document cannot in any circumstances be regarded as the official position of the Commission.
Forms in 2015

Forms already opened in 2015

- Equivalence: deadline expired 01-07-2015
- EFA (EFA – collective-regional – forest exemption): deadline expired 01-08-2015

Forms for deadline 15 December 2015

- Monitoring output indicators
- Permanent grassland:
  - ESPG: annual review of ESPG form
  - Reference and annual ratio 2015: first annual form
  - Adapting reference ratio: form always open

On-going assessment

- Equivalence: advanced stage of assessment
- Other forms (EFA): under assessment, we expect to finalise the assessment for January
09. Equivalence – State of play

**Certification schemes**
- NL confirmed 3 CS, 1 CS added on EFA production on arable land without fertilisers
- FR confirmed CS, some elements modified
- PT new certification scheme on winter soil cover equivalent to CD
- UK Scotland: new certification scheme on winter soil cover equivalent to CD and permanent grassland

**Rural Development**
- PL – IE confirmed without changes
- AT confirmed one practice (EFA) and withdrew one on CD
- IT – Region Marche: new practice on EFA field margins
- CZ withdrew the notification

**Assessment**
- First formal exchange and replies from MS within the time limits of the assessment
- Informal adjustments end November - beginning December
- Procedure for EC decision launched in first week of December
Output monitoring indicators

- Methodological questions received from 8 MS
- The replies:
  - were given directly to the requesters
  - Grouped in a FAQ document in order to ensure consistency
  - These FAQs can be seen as an addendum to the instructions present in the excel layout
- Some minor mistakes detected
  - Sheet "Gr_ESPG_des_in_Nat_2000":
    - N farmers not needed (even in "Gr_ESPG_des_out_Nat_2000"): can be left empty
    - Area_arable_land: wrong label, it should be Area_PG; MS can use this field to report the data on PG
- NUTS 3 confirmed for all MS: we didn't received any request to provide a NUTS 2 file after the opening of the form
- Timing for providing data