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CAP Amending Regulation: Co-Legislators Agree on Transitional Rules

The European Parliament and the Council have reached a political agreement on the transitional rules for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) that will ensure continuity of income support for farmers until the new CAP is in place.

A press release of the European Commission is available here. A press release of the European Council is available here.

ANALYSIS

The co-legislators reached a compromise agreement on the CAP Transitional Regulation during their latest trilogue meeting held on 27 November. Once adopted, the CAP Transitional Regulation will extend the current CAP rules until the end of 2022. Furthermore, the recovery funds allocated to rural development (EAFRD) (€7.5 billion for the Commission / 8.07 billion for the Council) will be made available to Member States for the transitional period of 2021-2022.

The political agreement needs to be formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council so that it can enter into force before the end of 2020. If the transition regulation will be adopted as it is, the CAP post 2020 will start only in 2023.

NEXT STEPS

The legislative proposal follows the ordinary legislative procedure (previously co-decision).

Following the adoption of the Report by the European Parliament, and the Council reaching its own internal position, informal inter-institutional negotiations ('trilogues') between the Council and the Parliament have commenced.

The next round of trilogues on the CAP Amending Regulation is provisionally scheduled for 2 December 2020. The Regulation is expected to be formally adopted during the first half of 2021.

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