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(Preparatory acts)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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Common agricultural policy — support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States and financed by the EAGF and by the EAFRD *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 23 November 2021 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (COM(2018)0392 — C8-0248/2018 — 2018/0216(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

(2022/C 224/13)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2018)0392),
- having regard to Article 294(2) and Articles 42 and 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0248/2018),
- having regard to Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the 1979 Act of Accession, and in particular paragraph 6 of Protocol No 4 on cotton attached thereto,
- having regard to the reasoned opinion submitted, within the framework of Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, by the French National Assembly, asserting that the draft legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity,
- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 17 October 2018 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 5 December 2018 ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the opinion of the Court of Auditors of 25 October 2018 ⁽³⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 214.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 86, 7.3.2019, p. 173.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 41, 1.2.2019, p. 1.

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- having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 74(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 23 July 2021 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and also the opinions of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Development, the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Budgetary Control, the Committee on Regional Development and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (A8-0200/2019),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out ⁽⁴⁾;
 2. Approves its statement as well as the joint statement by Parliament and the Council annexed to this resolution, which will be published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 3. Takes note of the statement by the Commission annexed to this resolution, which will be published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 4. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments;

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 23 November 2021 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2021/... of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.)

⁽⁴⁾ This position replaces the amendments adopted on 23 October 2020 (Texts adopted, P9_TA(2020)0287).

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ANNEX TO THE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

European Parliament statement on the role of the European Council as regards legislative elements of the common agricultural policy

The European Parliament deplores the fact that the European Council took decisions, in its conclusions of 21 July 2020, on legislative elements of the common agricultural policy that should have been decided under the ordinary legislative procedure in accordance with the Treaties. The European Parliament considers those unilateral pre-emptive decisions to be unacceptable and that they impinge on the rights of the European Parliament as a co-legislator acting on an equal footing with the Council.

The European Parliament deplores the fact that the Council was therefore unwilling to enter into meaningful negotiations with the European Parliament concerning those elements on the grounds that they had already been decided by the European Council.

In particular, the European Parliament notes that the Council did not enter into meaningful negotiations on the capping and degressivity provisions laid down in Article 17 and the flexibility between direct payments allocations and EAFRD allocations laid down in Article 96, and considers the outcome of negotiations on those Articles to be unsatisfactory.

The European Parliament deeply regrets the Council's approach and considers that it undermines the proper functioning of the ordinary legislative procedure. The European Parliament therefore insists that this should not be repeated in any future negotiations in the context of the ordinary legislative procedure.

Joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council on the social dimension of the common agricultural policy

The European Parliament and the Council invite the Commission to monitor, via a study to be carried out two years after the first two years of application of social conditionality by all Member States, the impact of the mechanism on workers conditions and the functioning of the system of penalties and, where appropriate, to come forward with proposals to enhance the social dimension of the CAP.

By 2025, the Commission will assess the feasibility of including, in Annex XX, Article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 on free movement of workers and, where appropriate, come forward with proposals to that effect.

Commission statement on the possibility for Belgium to submit two CAP Strategic Plans

In view of the provisions of Article 104 of the CAP Strategic Plan Regulation agreed by the co-legislators and taking into account Belgium's particular constitutional framework, the Commission confirms that it will accept that Belgium submits a CAP Strategic Plan for each of its relevant federated entities. This does not affect or alter Belgium's legal obligations under the CAP Strategic Plan Regulation.
