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### COMMUNICATION

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Subject: REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 as regards the conditionality system, types of intervention in the form of direct payment, types of intervention in certain sectors and rural development and annual performance reports and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 as regards suspensions of payments, annual performance clearance and controls and penalties **(first reading)**

- Initiation of written procedure
- Adoption of the legislative act
- Approval of the Council declaration

**= Extension of the written procedure until Thursday 18 December 2025, 15h00 (Brussels time)**

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Following the decision of the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) on 10 December 2025 to use the written procedure, **delegations which have not yet responded** are kindly invited to state whether they agree to:

1. adopt the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 as regards the conditionality system, types of intervention in the form of direct payment, types of intervention in certain sectors and rural development and annual performance reports and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 as regards suspensions of payments, annual performance clearance and controls and penalties, as set out in PE-CONS 49/25;
2. approve the accompanying Council declaration, as set out in Annex I to this communication.

**Please answer YES, NO or ABSTENTION to each question.**

Any statement, which will be added to the one in the Annex II to this communication, should be made at the same time as answering the questions.

Replies from **delegations which have not yet responded** must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **as soon as possible and by Thursday 18 December 2025, 15h00 (Brussels time) at the latest** and be sent to: [codecision.adoption@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:codecision.adoption@consilium.europa.eu).

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**Council declaration**  
**on the recognition of the principle of ‘sharing once, reusing multiple times’**

The Council recognises the importance of improving interoperability of data systems held in national administrations and endorses the principle of ‘sharing once, reusing multiple times’ as it can reduce the burden on farmers, avoiding multiple reporting of the same data.

The Council is committed to further digitalisation and modernisation of national administrations and notes that national administrations are already investing in state-of-the-art interoperable data systems.

Given the work needed to implement the provisions on interoperability, and the changes in IT systems deriving from this proposal at this advanced stage of the current programming period, the Council considers that the principle ‘share once, use multiple times’ is not to be included in the Omnibus III package and is part of the proposal for the next programming period. In this respect, it welcomes the inclusion of provisions in the Commission CAP post-2027 proposal and stands ready to engage on the best way to achieve the objectives of the principle of ‘share once, use multiple times’.

The Council is ready to further act to improve data interoperability between information systems used for the implementation, administration, monitoring and evaluation of the CAP for the benefit of farmers and other CAP beneficiaries.

**European Commission statement**  
**on GAEC 5 “Tillage management reducing the risk of soil degradation, including slope**  
**consideration”**

The Commission’s approach is to maintain the objective of GAEC 5, to ensure minimum land management reflecting site specific conditions to limit soil erosion, while ensuring that implementation remains practical, risk-based and fair to farmers, and fully consistent with the overall simplification, sustainability and crisis-response objectives of the Common Agricultural Policy. Since 2024, as a result of the first CAP simplification amendment, Member States have a greater degree of flexibility to define and implement GAEC 5.

As a result of the adoption of this simplification omnibus and taking into account the 2024 simplification act, the Commission will review by 31.12.2025 the documents clarifying legislation, as part of its continuous simplification drive, to make sure that Member States may fully benefit from simplifications available upon the entry into force of this Regulation. The content of any such documents will be clarified and where necessary modified, reflecting the new legal framework and the need for a proportionate and pragmatic implementation of rules.

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