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Regulation amending the organic farming regulation as regards rules on
production, labelling, certification and trade: state of play
- Information from the Presidency

On 16 December 2025, the European Commission proposed amendments to the Organic Farming Regulation. The initiative aims to simplify and improve specific production rules, making the regulatory framework more efficient and easier to apply. The proposed changes are intended to enhance transparency and help consumers make informed choices regarding imported organic products. In addition, it seeks to strengthen trust in the EU organic logo and ensure fair competition within the internal market. Special consideration is given to products originating from third countries whose organic systems are recognised as equivalent to EU standards. The proposal also includes an extension of this recognition until 31 December 2036, with the aim to avoid disruptions to organic trade while negotiations with third countries are ongoing.

Following the relevant guidance provided by the Council during an exchange of views on 27 January, centered on the need to have the proposal adopted as soon as possible so that EU organic producers can benefit from it, the CY Presidency prioritised the conclusion of the political discussion for adoption of the proposal during its mandate.

Furthermore, having in mind the European's Parliament's decision to follow the "simplified procedure" for adopting its opinion on this proposal, the Presidency has been in close contact with the EP's COMAGRI to seek to ensure that the interinstitutional negotiations could start as soon as possible.

In this regard, the Presidency convened three meetings of the Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural Issues (organic farming) and presented a first compromise proposal based on delegations' initial reactions. Following bilateral consultations and an informal silence procedure, the Presidency's suggestion for a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament (document 8972/26) was endorsed by the SCA on 11 May.

As the EP was not able to adopt its negotiating mandate in time for the CY Presidency to conclude a political agreement during its mandate, it will be for the IE Presidency to organise (a) trilogue(s) in the autumn, to pursue political agreement with the EP – keeping the Special Committee on Agriculture informed at all stages.
