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Subject: Amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 as regards a specific type of intervention to provide exceptional temporary support under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the possibility to adapt direct payments allocations for calendar year 2027 and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 as regards more flexible rules on payments of advances in response to the increased fertiliser prices due to the Middle East crisis
- EESC opinion

Delegations will find in the annex a letter from the president of the EESC on the above-mentioned proposal.



European Economic
and Social Committee | The President

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Dear Mr Seeuws,

Thank you for the referral from the Council of the European Union of 15 June 2026 on the:

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 as regards a specific type of intervention to provide exceptional temporary support under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the possibility to adapt direct payments allocations for calendar year 2027 and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 as regards more flexible rules on payments of advances in response to the increased fertiliser prices due to the Middle East crisis- COM(2026)0282-2026/0150(COD).

Given the urgency of this referral and the fact that the deadline is set at “the earliest possible occasion” (understanding for a possible vote of the Council before the next EESC plenary session on 15-16 July 2026), the EESC has launched an urgent procedure to deal with this file. After consulting the EESC Bureau, I can inform you that since the Committee has already set out its views on the content of the proposal in question in its opinions NAT/976 [CBAM revision](#), adopted on 19/03/2026, and NAT/888 [EU Strategy on fertilisers](#), adopted on 22/03/2023, it decided not to draw up a new opinion on the subject, but to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned documents.

The corresponding C-category opinion will be ratified by the EESC plenary on 15-16 July 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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