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'A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Council

Subject: Draft 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 **(first reading)**

- Adoption of the legislative act
- Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the EU

1. On 12 June 2026, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee was consulted.
3. On 7 July 2026 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the agreement reached between the institutions on taking over the Commission proposal and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council².

¹ 10328/26 + ADD 1.

² 11268/26.

4. At its meeting on 6 July 2026 the Special Committee on Agriculture confirmed its agreement and agreed to suggest that the Council, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting:
 - approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 43/26; and
 - derogate, on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, from the eight-week period referred to in the first subparagraph of that Article.
5. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum to this note.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
