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1. **Adoption of the agenda** 14648/21

The agenda was adopted.

Non-discussion items (I)

2. **Summary record of the 1659th meeting of the SCA** 14470/21

The SCA approved the summary record.

3. **Regulation as regards the Union contribution for the integrated farm statistics under the 2021-2027 financial framework**  14415/21
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Adoption of the legislative act

The SCA agreed to invite the Council to adopt the legislative act as an “A” item at its session on 12 and 13 December 2021.

Discussion items (II)

4. **Regulation on regional economic accounts for agriculture** 
Debriefing on the outcome of the negotiations with the European Parliament

The SCA took note of the information from the Presidency on the result of negotiations with the European Parliament for adoption at first reading of the Commission proposal on regional economic accounts for agriculture.

The Presidency noted delegations’ broad acceptance of the agreement reached ad referendum with the co-legislator on all open political issues, but also the scrutiny reservations of some delegations. Consequently, should the necessary support be confirmed in the meantime, it would be submitted to the SCA as an "I" item on 10 December 2021, in order to mandate the SCA Chair to send an "offer letter" to the EP, thereby securing the political agreement that would lead to the adoption of the Regulation at first reading.

5. Post 2020 CAP reform package

a) Regulation on CAP Strategic Plans

b) Horizontal Regulation

Exchange of views on the early non-objection to urgent delegated acts

The SCA took note of the Commission's request to proceed with an early non-objection to certain urgent delegated acts for the CAP reform with a view to completing the necessary legal framework for the submission of the CAP Strategic Plans by 1 January 2022, and of delegations' comments on it.

The Presidency noted that in principle there were no grounds for the Council to object to the delegated acts that would be adopted on 7 December 2021. The early non-objection will be on the agenda of the next SCA as an I-item.

6. Unfair trading practices in the food supply chain

13318/21

Preparation of the Council debate

14611/21

The SCA took note of the Commission's report on the transposition and implementation of the UTP Directive, of the Presidency discussion paper on "UTPs in the food supply chain", and of delegations' comments, in particular on the two suggested questions to steer the Ministerial debate.

The SCA agreed that the Presidency discussion paper with the two questions for debate was a good basis for the Ministerial debate at following week's Council. The SCA also agreed to hold this item in public session at that Council meeting as per Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

7. Conclusions on a contingency plan for ensuring food supply and food security in times of crisis

14336/3/21 REV 3

Approval

13761/21

+ ADD 1-3

The SCA reached agreement on the final text for Council conclusions on the contingency plan for ensuring food supply and food security in times of crises with a view to their approval at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 13 December. The SCA also agreed to hold this item in public session at that Council meeting as per Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Any other business

8. a) **European Mission - "A Soil Deal for Europe : 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030"** WK 14581/2021
Presentation by the Commission

The SCA took note of the information provided by the Commission on the European Mission "A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030" and on the new EU Soil Strategy. The SCA also took note of delegations' views and the Commission's reactions.

- b) **Commission Communication "Soil Strategy for 2030. Reaping the benefits of healthy soils for people, food, nature and climate."** 14138/21 + ADD 1
Presentation by the Commission

Item 8(b) was addressed together with item 8(a).

c) Organisation of future work

The Presidency informed the SCA about the next SCA meeting on 10 December 2021 and the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 12-13 December 2021.

As regards that Council meeting:

- the Spanish delegation requested an item, under "Any other business", on the price of raw materials and in particular feed and fertilizers;
- the Czech delegation requested two items, under "Any other business", on (1) the critical situation of the pig sector in the EU and (2) the preparation of CAP Strategic Plans and the implementation of the new CAP reform;
- the Slovak delegation requested an item, under "Any other business", on transforming the food supply chain towards sustainability.

As the latter will be discussed jointly with the UTP item at the Council meeting, the SCA agreed to also hold this item in public session at that Council meeting as per Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

- the Lithuanian delegation requested an item, under "Any other business", on their export difficulties to China.

Finally, the incoming French Presidency informed the SCA about the SCA meeting on 10 January 2022, which will be preparing the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meeting on 17 January 2022.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal
