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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Post-2020 CAP reform <i>- Declaration by France, Italy and Spain on the need for transitional rules for wine programmes to ensure the smooth transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 to those laid down in Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans</i>

Delegations will find in the Annex a declaration by France, Italy and Spain on the need for transitional rules for wine programmes to ensure the smooth transition from the arrangements provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 to those laid down in Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans.

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The wine sector is strategic for the European Union in terms of its economic dimension, job creation, territorial development and environmental sustainability.

France, Italy and Spain recognize and thank all the actors for the work carried out during the various presidencies to reach a valid compromise for all the needs expressed during these two years of discussion on the CAP reform. But, with a view to reaching a final text during the Portuguese Presidency, they wish to ask for an amendment to the Presidency proposal.

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing a significant disturbance of the agricultural markets throughout the Union, and especially of the wine market. This major impact, which effects are likely to last on the long term, demonstrates the need for both short-term and structural regulation tools for the wine sector.

In this particular context, it is of fundamental importance, for EU wine producers, to continue to use the tools made available to the current wine National Support Programme (NSP) and allow them to continue to implement their operations seamlessly.

For this reason, we, the signatories, would like to ask for transitional rules to ensure a smooth shift from the measures provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 to those laid down in the National Strategic Plans Regulation of the new CAP.

In particular, we ask that the current provisions of the wine NSP may continue to apply to the operations submitted before the entry into application of the new rules and we propose the following amendment to article 140b, paragraph 2 of the Council mandate:

2. The support programmes in the wine sector referred to in Article 40 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 shall continue to apply until 15 October 2023. Articles 39 to 54 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 shall continue to apply after 31 December 2022 as regards **operations that have been submitted to the competent authorities before the date of application of this Regulation as referred to in Article 1(2), until those operations come to an end.** expenditure incurred and payments made for operations implemented pursuant to that Regulation before 16 October 2023 within the aid scheme referred to in Articles 39 to 52 of that Regulation.

Consistent with this amendment, it is proposed to modify the wording of Article 6.3 of the Amending Regulation as follows:

3. Articles 29 ~~to 60 to 38 and 55 to 60~~ of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 shall continue to apply after 31 December 2022 as regards expenditure incurred and payments made for operations implemented before 1 January 2023 within the aid schemes referred to in those Articles **and Articles 39 to 54 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 shall continue to apply after 31 December 2022 as regards operations that have been submitted to the competent authorities before 1 January 2023 [the date of entry into force of the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation], until those operations come to an end.**