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Subject:	Omnibus X (Food and feed safety): Explanatory note by the Presidency - AGS meeting on 20 July 2026
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In view of the AGS meeting on 20 July 2026, delegations will find enclosed a Presidency explanatory note on the compromise text (11866/26 + COR 1).

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Antici Group on Simplification
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Omnibus X – Steering and Explanatory Note

With a view to the AGS meeting on 20 July 2026, the Presidency is proposing a revised compromise text for Omnibus X (Food and Feed Safety). Compared to the previous version (ST 11412/26), the changes proposed in the text (highlighted in green) are based on the interventions made by the delegations during the AGS meeting on 9 July and on the written contributions submitted after the AGS meeting.

The Presidency notes divergent views among the Member States and asks delegations to approach the text in a spirit of compromise. The Presidency invites delegations to position themselves on the text in a spirit of compromise, and to indicate any remaining red lines.

Explanation of Changes

Regulation No 1107/2009 (PPPs)	
Recital 9	Correction of error
Recital 10	Addition of text in the recital corresponding to the possibilities offered under the new wording of Article 33(2)(b)
Recital 15b	Clarification related to the already existing possibility for the Commission to ask EFSA to review scientific literature and monitoring data on the basis of current legislation (Regulation 178/2002 (General Food Law) and Regulation 1107/2009 (PPP Regulation))
Recital 26	Addition of text in the recital corresponding to transitional rules in Article 81a of the PPP Regulation (moved from Article 27a)
Article 14(2)	Deletion of the possibility to set shorter approval periods for certain active substances where there are scientific uncertainties and/or data gaps because this possibility is already covered by the existing rules (Articles 5 and 6(j))
Article 21(1)	Deletion of subparagraph because the Commission already has the possibility to ask EFSA to review scientific literature and monitoring data on the basis of current legislation (General Food Law and PPP Regulation) – see also recital 15b
Article 27a(2b)(e)	This has been moved to Article 81a " <i>Transitional provisions</i> ". Also, deletion of point (e) related to the active substances which are ' <i>carcinogen category 2, mutagen category 2 or toxic for reproduction category 2</i> ' for which the approval period could be extended in accordance with the preceding paragraph 2a. The policy choice at the time of adoption of the PPP Regulation was to set as cut-off criteria the classification as CMR cat. 1A or cat. 1B (but not cat. 2). Thus, this change is introduced to ensure coherence within the PPP Regulation and to increase the number of substances which could benefit from the simplification measures.
Article 40.1(c)	Addition so that mutual recognition covers both low risk substances and new substances approved in accordance with Article 33.2(b)
Article 53(1)	Rephrasing to clarify the possibility for a MS to use the detailed information from another MS from the same zone before deciding to grant a similar emergency authorisation



Regulation No 396/2005 (MRLs)	
Recitals 27 and 29	Removal of the effects on honeybees or groundwater as criteria in setting MRLs because they are risk-based, not hazard-based as in line with the intention of this simplification proposal. Moreover, they are not intrinsic properties of the active substances
Article 14(2a)	Redrafting of the article to correspond to the intention explained in recital 27, namely that the setting of an MRL is based on EFSA's risk assessment and in compliance with the Union's international obligations. The risk assessment is complemented by an impact assessment considering the potential impact on the Union's food and feed chain