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Delegations will find attached comments from the Czech delegation on the drafting suggestion and explanations from the Commission services related to Articles 57 (Protection of the financial interests of the Union) in the proposed Horizontal Regulation.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 - *Drafting suggestion from the Commission related to the Article 57 (Protection of the financial interests of the Union)*

Comments and questions of the Czech Republic

Following the presentation of possible amendments to the Article 57 of the Horizontal Regulation presented by the Commission during the AGRIFIN WP meeting on 7th October, the Czech Republic has some follow up questions on the issue:

1. Do we understand correctly that this new point obliges the Member State to use ARACHNE as only one acceptable tool?
2. ARACHNE is a tool developed by the Commission. Will ARACHNE be managed by the Commission and will the Commission be providing the source data (including licences) in the future?
3. Is ARACHNE considered as an appropriate tool to control the condition of a genuine farmer?