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Irish Presidency's suggestions for the post-2027 CAP Regulation Blocks 1, 5 and 6

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Block 1 Introductory provisions and types of support

- Article 1 - Subject matter
- Article 2 - CAP national recommendations and steering
- Article 5 - Types of intervention and financial support provisions

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Block 1 – Article 1		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
1	~~**In order to ensure a strong, sustainable and resilient** European Union~~**common agricultural** ~~sector~~**policy, Union food security, generational renewal and vibrant rural areas,** **[**~~this~~**This** Regulation lays down specific conditions for the implementation of the Union support for the common agricultural policy (CAP) in accordance with the general objective laid down in Article 2, **paragraph 1,** point (c), of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP].**]** **[**This Union support shall be provided under the **European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security**~~**National and Regional Partnership Fund**~~ (the 'Fund') in accordance with the rules governing that Fund laid down in Regulation (EU) […] [NRP]~~]~~.**]**	Text deleted at start of sentence as it is considered more appropriate for a recital. Note: there were some further comments from Member States on this Article, but the remainder of the text is bracketed and thus cannot be changed.

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Block 1 – Article 2 (1 of 2)		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
2(1)	~~In exceptional circumstances and after consultation with the Member State concerned, the~~**~~The CAP national recommendations may be updated by the Commission, as appropriate.~~**	Provision allowing the Commission to update the CAP recommendations is deleted following requests from Member States to provide stability in the CAP / NRP Plans.
2(2)	The Commission shall base the ~~CAP national~~ recommendations **referred to in paragraph 1,** on an **evidence-based** analysis, **carried out in consultation with the Member State concerned,** of the situation of the agricultural sector and rural areas, including demographic factors, structural and territorial characteristics as well as food security in each Member State.	Clerical: Cross-reference to paragraph 1 for legal consistency.

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Block 1 – Article 2 (2 of 2)		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
2(3)	In the ~~CAP national~~ recommendations **referred to in paragraph 1**, the Commission shall in particular identify key challenges **in**~~to be addressed by~~ each Member State **to be** ~~addressed in that Member State´s~~**considered** in ~~their~~**its** NRP Plan~~, on the basis of the CAP-relevant specific objectives set out in Article 3, point~~ (d)(i), (ii), (iii) and (v)~~(d), of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP]~~**, taking into account relevant national initiatives**.	Clerical: Text reference to paragraph 1 for legal consistency. "To be addressed" was replaced by "to be considered" to clarify that the recommendations are not directly applicable and to reflect their non-binding nature. Clerical: The reference to the Article 3 specific objectives was deleted as it is repetition of text from paragraph 1.

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Block 1 – Article 5		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
5(1) Point (i)	(i) support for investments for farmers ~~and~~**,** forest holders **and undertakings which process or market agricultural products. For non-productive investments contributing to the specific objectives listed in Article 3(1)(d)(v) of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP - Specific objectives of the Fund], other beneficiaries may also be supported**;	Clerical: Alignment of intervention heading with the NRP PGA text.
5(1) Point (o)	(o) **support for** interventions in outermost regions**, as referred to in Article X of Regulation (EU) .../... [NRP Regulation]**;	This intervention title was updated in NRP PGA, but left unchanged here for now, due to further legal considerations.
5(2)	2. **The interventions**~~Interventions~~ referred to in paragraph 1, points (a) to (k)~~, and interventions in certain sectors referred to in Title I~~ **and (r)**, ~~Part II, Chapter IIa, of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013~~ shall be ~~income support interventions to be~~ financed from the Fund in accordance with Article 10(2), point (a)**(ii)**~~, second subparagraph,~~ of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP].	Clerical: Deletion of "income support intervention to be" to align with the deletion in the NRP PGA text.

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Block 5 LEADER, knowledge and innovation, and data governance

- Article 18 - Support for LEADER
- Article 19 - Support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas
- Article 20 - Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System and farm advisory services
- Article 21 - Authority in charge of data governance under the CAP

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Block 5 – Article 18		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
18(2)	Member States shall support LEADER ~~at least~~ in **rural areas** ~~with a focus on~~ **as defined by the Member States in their NRP Plans. Member States shall take into account the need to support** rural areas with specific disadvantages **as determined**~~defined~~ by the Member States in **their NRP**~~the NPR~~ Plans.	Wording revised to ensure that these areas are taken into account, but with greater flexibility to design LEADER programmes according to national priorities.
18(3)	... **These projects shall contribute to the objectives of an approved local development strategy.**	Better aligns with the approach to CLLD and cohesion in the current period, and with articles 76 and 77 of NRP Regulation.
18(4)	Support provided **under**~~from~~ LEADER shall be focused on **projects**~~rural development fields~~ with added value for **rural communities,** farmers ~~and~~**or** forest holders, such as social, environmental, digital and economic ~~transition~~ **transformation development** of rural areas, **promotion of gender equality and social inclusion,** improvement of well-being of rural citizens **and**~~,~~ strengthening social capital.	"transition" means something specific in the context of "digital transition" but it was less clear what was meant for the other policy areas. "development" is suggested as a better catch-all term.

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Block 5 – Article 19		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
19(1)	Member States shall provide support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture**, and where relevant**, **may also provide support for** forestry and rural areas under the conditions laid down in this Article...	There were many requests for additional flexibility here.
19(2)	The aim of EIP-AGRI shall be to accelerate development and use of innovations by improving the exchange of knowledge and fostering synergies between policies, actors and instruments in agriculture **and, where relevant**, forestry and rural areas. Results from its work shall be disseminated and multiplied through the AKIS.	Introduced "where relevant" for forestry in the chapeau, and at relevant points below.
19(3)(a)	develop innovative solutions focusing on the specific needs of farmers **and**, **where relevant** **forest** ~~forester~~ holders and rural actors ~~including where relevant increasing~~. **The development should include an assessment of the potential for a scale up of those innovative solutions**;	"Increasing the potential" was an unclear requirement. More flexibility introduced in proposed amendment.
19(3)(b)	bring together partners with complementary knowledge such as academia, researchers and the farming community, and where relevant, actors of the food chain and **other actors to** ensure their active involvement in projects;	Member States requested a non-exhaustive list.

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Block 5 – Article 20		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
20(2)	Presidency proposal removes references to the possible target audience from a number of the list items in the paragraph .	As the beneficiaries are listed in the chapeau, it is not necessary to have the numerous repetitions in the list items. All items are possible for farmers and, where relevant, forest olders or other rural actors.
20(3)(a) and (aa)	Presidency Proposal deleted an item from (a) as it did not fit with the other items in that objective. Presidency Proposal reintroduced and refined this item as a new list item (aa): **(aa) information on the availability of social support, including mental health services;**	The change reflects the importance of providing support but reflects more clearly that advisors do not have to become providers of mental health services. However, they should, at minimum, be able to direct their clients to the appropriate portals to access more information on where these services are available.

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Block 5 – Article 21		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
21(4)	**Each Member** ~~States~~**State shall submit the** ~~Roadmaps~~**Roadmap to the Commission by 16** ~~December 2028~~**May 2029. Thereafter, the** ~~The~~ Member States shall submit to the Commission by 16 ~~December 2031~~**May 2032 a first** ~~of each calendar year an annual~~ report **and a final one by 16** ~~December 2034~~**May 2035** on the implementation of the Roadmap, assessing the progress of the implementation of the steps and measures and the timeframe set out in the Roadmap.	There were many requests for additional flexibility here. An additional 6 months to the timeline is an improvement. It also places these requirements at a less busy time of the payment/reporting cycle.

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Block 6

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Block 6 Implementing acts, delegated acts and final provisions

- Article 25 – Entry into force and application

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Block 6 – Article 25		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
25	It shall apply from [OPOCE: [date of application of Regulation (EU) […] establishing the ~~National and Regional Partnership Fund~~ **European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security** for the period 2028 to 2034].	Updated with correct name of the fund

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Block 2 Green Architecture

- Article 3 - Farm Stewardship
- Article 4 - Environment and climate priority areas
- Article 8 - Payment for natural and other area-specific constraints
- Article 9 - Support for disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements
- Article 10 - Agri-environmental and climate actions

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Farm Stewardship – Table 1/9		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 3 (2)	2. **Farmers and other beneficiaries receiving** ~~Payments~~ **payments** under **the following** interventions ~~referred to in Article 5(1), points (a) to (f), and points (o) and (p), to the extent they concern support for local agricultural products,~~ shall be subject to compliance with ~~a system of statutory management requirements and protective practices collectively referred to as~~ '**the** farm stewardship':~~.~~	Updated to clarify that farm stewardship applies to "farmers and other beneficiaries" receiving payments under certain interventions, rather than it applying to "payments" per se. Addition of "the": Clerical
Article 3 (2) (ii)	**(ii) the interventions referred to in Article 5(1), points (o) and (p) that concern support for local agricultural products referred to in Article** ~~(the correspondence of art. 44 NRPP) of this~~**48 of Regulation** ~~and Article 48 of NRPP~~**(EU) […] [NRP].** ~~**The list of statutory management requirements and the objectives of protective practices are set out in Annex I.**~~	Clerical: Deletion in line with NRPR PGA deletion of Article 44. Clerical: Deletion as repetition of text in paragraph 1.

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Farm Stewardship – Table 2/9: Annex I Part C - Rules on protective practices 1			
Article	**Amendment**		**Rationale**
General objectives set out in Article 3(4)	Specific objectives of the **Pp**rotective **Pp**ractices **(PPs)**		The general and specific objectives have been restructured for clarity, but no changes in substance have been made. Firstly, former point (a) is now split into two distinct general objectives to better clarify the links between the general and specific objectives to be addressed as per the restructured Annex I Part C: (a) Protection of carbon rich soils (aa) Protection of biodiversity and landscape. Secondly, the protective practices under each general objective have been divided and labelled according to their respective specific objectives. PP 2 has been given a slightly broader heading, to allow Member States the flexibility to retain other elements covered under the current GAEC 8 in the SPR, if they wish.
(a) Protection of ~~carbon-rich~~ **carbon rich** soils ~~landscape features and permanent grasslands on agricultural area~~ ~~**biodiversity sensitive areas**~~	**PP 1**	Protection of carbon-rich soils**,** including ~~protection of wetlands, and peatlands~~ **peatlands and wetlands** ~~and landscape features~~	
(aa) Protection of biodiversity and landscape	**PP 2**	~~**Retention of landscape features**~~ **Protection of landscape features, including their retention**	
	PP 3	Protection of **designated** environmentally sensitive permanent grasslands in Natura 2000 areas	

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Farm Stewardship – Table 3/9: Annex I Part C - Rules on protective practices 2			Rationale
(b) Protection of soil ~~against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter including soil rotation or diversification, and protection against burning of stubble on arable land~~ **health and resilience**	**PP 4**	Protection of soil against erosion ~~subject to~~ **with** site specific conditions	Similarly, for general objectives (b) and (c), they have been divided into their respective specific objectives, to provide clarity on the policy intent without adding to the substance. In point (c) it is worth noting that "and ground water" was previously deleted by the CY presidency in Article 3, but not in the Annex, and this reference and the corresponding deletion was omitted in doc 12033 in error, hence it is highlighted here.
	PP 5	Preservation of the soil ~~Potential~~ **health**, including: ~~—~~ **P**protection of soils in periods that are most sensitive ~~—~~ ~~Crop rotation or diversification~~	
	PP 6	Maintenance of soil organic matter through crop residue management, including **a** ban on burning stubble on arable land, **except for plant health reasons**	
	PP7	**Preservation of soil potential through crop rotation or diversification**	
(c) Protection of water courses ~~and ground water against pollution and runoff~~	**PP 8**	Protection of water courses ~~and ground water~~ against pollution and runoff, including through **the** establishment of buffer strips along water courses	

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Farm Stewardship – Table 4/9		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 3 (4)	Member States shall define ~~in accordance with Annex I, Part C,~~ at a national or regional level, protective practices ~~to be respected by farmers and~~, ~~where relevant,~~ ~~other beneficiaries receiving the support referred to in paragraph 2~~**in accordance with the specific objectives in Annex I, Part C**, to achieve the following **general** objectives:	Updated to simplify the text and clarify the relationship between general and specific objectives to be defined under Part C of farm stewardship.
Article 3 4 (a)	(a) protection of **carbon rich**~~carbon-rich~~ soils~~, landscape features and permanent grasslands on agricultural area~~ ~~and biodiversity sensitive areas~~; **(aa) protection of biodiversity and landscape;**	Restructured: Former point (a) is now split into two distinct general objectives to better clarify the links between the general and specific objectives to be addressed as per the restructured Annex I Part C: (a) Protection of carbon rich soils (aa) Protection of biodiversity and landscape

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Farm Stewardship – Table 5/9		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 3 (4)(c)	(c) protection of water courses ~~and ground water~~ against pollution ~~and runoff~~.	(Point (b) no further changes). Point (c): Groundwater was previously deleted, but a further deletion was made in line with the updated Annex I Part C, which clarifies the separation between the general and specific objectives and limits duplication of text under both types of objectives.
Article 3 (4) Sub-paragraph 3	**In defining their protective practices, Member States may decide to set them in a way consistent with mandatory requirements established by national law and do not go beyond them, provided that those existing national mandatory requirements comply with the specific objectives listed in Annex I, Part C, to this Regulation.**	Clerical: addition of reference to Part C of Annex I.

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Farm Stewardship – Table 6/9		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 3 (6) Sub-paragraph 1	Farmers ~~whose entire holding is~~**and other beneficiaries** certified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] shall be ~~deemed to comply with~~**exempt from the** protective practices **listed in Annex I, Part C, points (b) and (c) to this Regulation, in relation to their organic production units, as defined in Article 3, point (10), of Regulation (EU) 2018/848, and their in-conversion production units, as defined in Article 3, point (11), of that Regulation**~~set out in the NRP Plans in respect to objectives set out in paragraph 4, points (b) and (c)~~.	Addition of "other beneficiaries" for consistency with Article 3 (2) changes. Phrasing aligned to clarify that it is farmers or other beneficiaries certified etc – in line with recent omnibus text changes. The phrase "Deemed to comply" was replaced by "exempt from" as it cannot be assumed that the protective practices will be "complied with" per se, but rather that the organic standards more generally will address the relevant specific objectives (under points (b) and (c) only). Similarly, as there are no equivalent/similar organic practices for the general and specific objectives under points (a) or (aa), an exemption from these objectives cannot be justified, hence the exempt should only apply to points (b) and (c).

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Farm Stewardship – Table 7/9		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 3 (6) Sub-paragraph 2	**Member States may, taking into consideration the administrative burden of checks, decide that only farmers or other beneficiaries, certified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 whose entire holding consists of organic production units, as defined in Article 3, point (10), of Regulation (EU) 2018/848, or of in-conversion production units, as defined in Article 3, point (11), of that Regulation, or of both such production units, are ~~deemed to comply with~~exempt from the protective practices listed in Annex I, Part C, points (b) and (c) to this Regulation.**	Updates in line with changes to sub-paragraph 1

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Farm Stewardship – Table 8/9		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 3 (7)	In setting the protective practices referred to in paragraph 4, Member States may establish in their NRP Plan specific exemptions from those protective practices based on objective and non-discriminatory criteria, such as crops, soil types and farming systems**, geographic or climatic conditions** or damage to permanent grasslands due, inter alia, to wild animals or invasive species. Those specific exemptions shall be limited in terms of their area coverage, shall be established only in the event, and to the extent, that they are necessary to address specific problems in the application of those practices and shall not ~~hamper~~ **significantly hamper the achievement of** the objectives set out in paragraph 4 ~~or distort competition~~.	Additional clarification added that geographic or climatic conditions may be considered when establishing exemptions from protective practices. Clerical changes for clarification. Deletion of " or distort competition" as it is not relevant for protective practices.

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Farm Stewardship – Table 9/9		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 3 (8)	Member States may grant temporary derogations from protective practices, where weather conditions**, plant diseases or pest infestations** prevent farmers and other beneficiaries from implementing those practices ~~or where the implementation of those protective practices would hamper the objectives set out in paragraph 4~~. Member States shall ensure that the temporary derogations are limited in their scope and duration to the extent necessary, granted based on objective and non-discriminatory criteria and that they do not ~~hamper~~ **significantly hamper the achievement of** the objectives set out in paragraph 4 ~~or distort competition~~**. When a temporary derogation is granted, it shall be granted without an amendment to the NRP plan**.	Clerical changes for clarification in line with changes to paragraph 7. Additional text: To clarify that temporary derogations granted by Member States do not require an amendment to the NRP plan.

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Environment and climate priority areas – Table 1/4		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 4 (1)	Member States shall provide support to farmers~~ and, where relevant, other beneficiaries at least~~ in each of the following **environment~~environmental~~** and climate priority areas: (a) climate change adaptation **~~and~~or** water resilience; (b) climate change mitigation**~~–~~: such as ~~including~~enhancing** carbon removals ~~and~~**or** on-farm renewable energy production, including biogas production; **(c) sustainable management of natural resources: such as air, soil, water, preservation of biodiversity, conservation of habitats, species or landscape features, or sustainable use of pesticides**~~soil health~~;	The priority areas have been restructured and consolidated to give Member States more choice. "Other beneficiaries" is deleted as these priority areas are only targeted for farmers. In point (a) Member States may choose between the two areas listed. In point (b) Member States must address climate change mitigation, but there is a non-exhaustive list of categories which can be used to meet this priority. Similarly, under (c) Member States must address "sustainable management of natural resources", and there is a non-exhaustive list of categories which can be used to meet this priority.

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Environment and climate priority areas – Table 2/4		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 4 (1)	(d) ~~**preservation of biodiversity,**~~**sustainable livestock management:** such as ~~**conservation of habitats or species, landscape features, reduction of** the negative impact from the **use of pesticides;**~~**extensification, genetic resources or animal health and welfare.** (e) ~~support for and~~ development of organic farming;	The priority area restructuring is further reflected in these points. The areas previously referenced in (d) are now covered in (c) "sustainable management of natural resources" and point (d) is given a new "sustainable livestock management" heading to give Member States more options to consider in this area. In point (e) "support for and" has been deleted in line with the general presentation of this Article, which mandates priority areas to be addressed rather than specific supports.

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Environment and climate priority areas – Table 3/4		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 4 (1)	~~(f)~~ ~~animal health and welfare;.~~ ~~(fa)~~ ~~protection of water quality and sustainable use of water resources.~~ ~~Member States with areas affected by water pollution due to nitrate surplus shall provide support to farmers~~, ~~such as support for extensification of livestock systems, or for diversification to other agricultural activities or other actions that contribute to mitigating the causes of pollution or restore the water bodies.~~	The priority area restructuring is further reflected in these points. The areas previously referenced in (f) are now covered in point (d). The areas previously referenced in (fa) and the deleted sub-paragraph concerning water quality, are now covered in point (c), sustainable management of natural resources.

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Environment and climate priority areas – Table 4/4		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 4 (2)	2. For ~~each of~~ the priority areas referred to in paragraph 1 support shall be provided under the conditions laid down in Articles **8**, 9, 10, ~~**and**~~**or 13 or 19(1)(a).** **The obligation to provide support in a priority area shall not apply where a Member State demonstrates in its NRP Plan the existence of national provisions or instruments that address that priority area.**	To provide more flexibility for Member States to use other CAP Articles to address the priority areas. Additional provision to allow Member States to take into account relevant national provisions or instruments (i.e. regulations, national support measures) that address a given priority area. Where this can be demonstrated in the NRP Plan, support for that priority area is not required in the NRPP.

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Payment for natural ~~or~~and other area-specific constraints		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 8 (1) (2)	**Payment for natural ~~or~~and other area-specific constraints** 1. Member States ~~shall~~**may** provide support to compensate farmers for natural or other area-specific constraints. 2. ~~**The payment for areas with natural** or~~**and** ~~**other specific constraints**~~ **If a Member State decides to grant support under this article, it shall** ~~may~~ be provided in respect of **at least one of the following categories of** areas that:	The heading has been updated in line with the text in Article 5 for this intervention. The intervention is now “optional” as requested by MS. In paragraph 2, the amendments clarify that it is only where a Member States implements this intervention, that the support must be provided in at least one of the two categories provided {(a) and (b)}.

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Support for disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 9 (1)	1. Member States may provide **annual** area-based support in agricultural and forest areas for disadvantages resulting from the implementation of: (a) Council Directive 92/43/EEC[6] and Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[7]; (b) Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[8]. In addition to the areas referred to in the first subparagraph, point (a), Member States may decide to support other delimited nature protection areas with environmental restrictions applicable to farming or forestry which contribute to the implementation of Article 10 of Directive 92/43/EEC, provided that those areas do not exceed ~~5%~~**5**7 % of the designated Natura 2000 areas covered by the NRP Plan. –	In paragraph 1, the option for Member States to support other delimited nature protection areas with environmental restrictions applicable to farming or forestry, which contribute to the implementation of Article 10 of Directive 92/43/EEC, has been increased from 5% to 7% of the designated Natura 2000 areas covered by the NRP Plan, giving Member States increased flexibility in this area.

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Agri-Environmental and climate actions – Table 1/8		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 10 (1)	1. Member States shall provide incentives for ~~the following~~**voluntary** actions ~~beneficial for the climate, environment, animal health and welfare, or and sustainable forestry,~~ **contributing to the environment and climate priority areas referred to in Article 4 or the specific objectives referred to in Article 3(1)(d)(iii) and (v) of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP] as follows**:	The target environmental areas to be addressed under this Article has been restructured to align with the priority areas listed in Article 4 of this regulation, and to include a reference to the environmentally-related specific objectives listed in Article 4 of the National Regional Partnership Regulation. Clerical: The word "voluntary" has been added here to avoid the need to repeat it elsewhere in the Article.

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Agri-Environmental and climate actions – Table 2/8		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 10 (1)	(a) ~~voluntary~~ management commitments ~~taken on~~~~up~~**undertaken** by farmers and other beneficiaries, ~~such as~~**including ~~commitments to support~~maintain ~~organic farming~~ ~~or extensive~~and ~~extensification of livestock production, established and implemented in accordance with paragraph 3;~~** (b) ~~voluntary~~ transition ~~towards resilient production systems carried out by~~**actions to support** farmers **to make changes** at ~~the level of the~~ holding **level (**or ~~for~~ part of a holding~~, such as~~ **~~including conversion to organic~~) towards more environmentally sustainable and resilient** farming ~~or~~~~and extensification of livestock production~~ systems~~, established and implemented in accordance with paragraph 4~~.	Points (a) and (b) have been simplified and streamlined to allow Member States flexibility in selecting the environmental priority area and specific objectives to be targeted in accordance with paragraph 1 as described on the previous slide and to match the types of sub-intervention as appropriate. However, both types of incentives {(a) and (b)}, remain mandatory to implement at Member State level.

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Agri-Environmental and climate actions – Table 3/8		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 10 (3)	3. The **support**~~management commitments~~ referred to in paragraph 1, point (a), may be **provided** ~~in particular~~ **for** annual or multiannual **management commitments related to**~~and may have in particular the following objectives~~: (a) **actions on** protection of water quality and reduction of pressure on water resources, protection of soil, nutrient management, **protection of air quality,** biodiversity conservation **and restoration**, including landscape features and ~~**reduction of** negative impact from~~ the **sustainable** use of pesticides;	The text in point (a) is updated for consistency and in line with the new phrasing in Article 4, concerning the sustainable use of pesticides.

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Agri-Environmental and climate actions – Table 4/8		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 10 (4)	Support for the transition actions referred to in paragraph 1, point (b), shall **be** granted on the basis of ~~a transition action plan drawn up by a farmer and approved by the Member State. To implement the support for transition~~ _actions ~~referred to in paragraph 1, point (b),~~**which facilitate a holding, or part of a holding, to evolve towards more environmentally sustainable and resilient production systems.** Member States shall describe **these systems in their** ~~in the~~ NRP Plan ~~the resilient production systems that they deem beneficial for the climate and environment.~~**.**	This amendment removes the mandatory nature of the transition action plan, giving Member States more flexibility in implementation. It also clarifies the link between the transition actions and the need to describe how such actions will contribute to more environmentally sustainable and resilient production systems in the NRP Plans.

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Agri-Environmental and climate actions – Table 5/8		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 10 (4)	**Member States shall determine the amount of support for transition actions referred to in paragraph 1, point (b) based on cost estimates of those transition actions. Member States shall grant support <u>for transition actions</u> in the form of lump sums that shall be limited to EUR [200 000] per farmer per programming period of the NRP Plan.** ~~[Article 36(2) NRP].~~ Member States ~~**shall pay**~~**<u>may use transition action plans submitted by beneficiaries to administer</u>** the support ~~**to farmers**~~**<u>for transition actions. Support for transition actions may be paid</u>** in **one or more** instalments ~~**over the period of implementation of the transition action plan**~~. ~~**The payment of the last instalment shall be conditional upon completion of the implementation of the transition action plan. Member States shall ensure that the payments are recovered if the farmer fails to implement the transition action plan.**~~	Clerical: Addition of “for transition actions” and deletion of the reference to Article 36(2) of the NRP which has been deleted in the PGA text. This amendment clarifies that Member States may use transition action plans to administer support for these actions and clarify that payments may be made in one or more installments.

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Agri-Environmental and climate actions – Table 6/8		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 10 (5)	Member States shall only grant support ~~for management commitments~~ referred to in paragraph 1~~, point (a)~~, which go beyond the relevant statutory management requirements referred to in Annex I, Part A, and the relevant minimum requirements for the use of fertiliser and plant protection products, animal welfare and other relevant mandatory requirements established by national and Union law.	Clarifies that support for both management commitments or transition actions must go beyond the relevant provisions listed: - statutory management requirements referred to in Annex I, Part A, and - the relevant minimum requirements for the use of fertiliser and plant protection products, animal welfare, and - other relevant mandatory requirements established by national and Union law.

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Agri-Environmental and climate actions – Table 7/8		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 10 (5)	However, where national law imposes requirements which go beyond the corresponding mandatory minimum requirements laid down in Union law, support may be granted for management commitments **or transition actions** referred to in paragraph 1~~, point (a)~~, contributing to compliance with those **national** requirements.	Clarifies that support for management commitments or transition actions may be granted contributing to compliance with national requirements which go beyond the corresponding mandatory minimum requirements laid down in Union law.

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Agri-Environmental and climate actions – Table 8/8		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
Article 10 (5a) - new	**5a. Member States shall ensure that a revision clause is provided in order to ensure the adjustment of the multiannual management commitments or transition actions as a consequence of amendments to the relevant statutory management requirements referred to in Article 3, which management commitments and transition actions have to go beyond. If subsequent adjustments are not accepted by the participant, the management commitment or transition action shall expire and no reimbursement of payments under this Article shall be required in respect of the period during which the management commitment or transition actions were effective.**	Addition of revision clause to ensure possibility of adjustment of commitments or transition actions as a consequence of amendments to relevant relevant statutory management requirements referred to in Article 3, which management commitments and transition actions have to go beyond. This clause represents continuation of status quo from Article 70 (7) of the Strategic Plan Regulation.

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Article 6 – Degressive area-based income support Table 1/2		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
6 (2) Second sub-paragraph	~~When differentiating the payments,~~ Member States **may also** ~~provide for higher~~ **differentiate the area-based income support for eligible hectares to target other** ~~groups~~ **categories of farmers or geographic areas or agronomic areas that have** ~~additional~~ **differing income needs**. ~~In that case~~**shall target the determined by the Member State. The level of** support ~~level~~ **shall be determined based on agricultural income over a representative reference period**~~at farmers who are the most in need, in particular young and new farmers, women, family or small farmers, farmers combining the production of crops and livestock or farmers in areas with natural or other area-specific constraints determined by the Member State~~**in,** ~~accordance~~**or** ~~with~~**based** ~~Article~~**on** ~~8~~**other objective and non-discriminatory criteria**.	Member States asked for the explicit inclusion of the possibility to differentiate on the basis of geographic areas. The text now more accurately reflects the flexibility for Member States to set both higher and/or lower payment rates. Criteria other than agricultural income has been introduced. It will be incumbent on the Member State to provide justification explaining how these criteria are both objective and non-discriminatory.

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Article 6 - Degressive area-based income support Table 2/2		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
6(6)	~~Member States shall provide in their NRP Plans for voluntary measures aiming at farm succession as referred to in Article 16(1a), point (bb), of this Regulation and in accordance with Article 74 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP] for farmers who have reached the retirement age determined by national law and receive a retirement pension.~~	Deleted mention of the farm succession cooperation measure, as this fits better under article 16. Article 6 refers only to DABIS.

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Article 7 – Payment for small farmers		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
7(1)	Member States ~~shall~~**may** provide income support to small farmers, as determined by the Member States...	Member States expressed a strong preference for flexibility in this article.
7(2)	Member States may differentiate support granted under this Article for different ~~groups~~**categories** of farmers or ~~geographical~~**groups** ~~areas~~**of territories**.	A refinement of language to allow for better targeting in regionalised countries.

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Article 11 – Coupled income support		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
11(3)	~~When planning the support referred to in paragraph 1, Member States shall minimise the potential impact of their support decisions on the internal market.~~	Paragraph deleted, as Member States felt the scope, requirements and objectives of the paragraph were not clear.
11(5)	The Presidency reframed the options for financial ceilings as an "either/or" clause, to make clearer the options that are available for Member States.	Several questions were asked about what was meant by the fixed ceiling options. The presidency suggest this is clarified by reordering the clause, as proposed.
11(5)	**(a) a fixed ceiling of up to EUR {4} million per year; or**	Added a figure of €4million per year. This is a 33% increase in ceiling from the current programme for Member States that choose to use this provision.

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Article 12 – Support for risk management tools		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
12(1)*	~~By way of derogation from the first subparagraph,~~ Member States ~~that demonstrate in the~~ NRP**NPR Plan the existence** ~~of~~ private or public**national systems which provide risk** ~~management tools~~**coverage for farmers** ~~in the Member State concerned~~ shall be exempt from the obligation to include in their NRP ~~Plan~~**plan** interventions for risk management tools under this ~~Article~~**article**~~.~~ **if they that demonstrate in the NRP Plan the following:** **a. the existence of private or public systems which provide risk management tools for farmers in the Member State concerned; or** **b. that farmers in the Member State have access to voluntary support for actions or investments for risk mitigation, crisis preparation or climate adaptation under the NRP Plan;**	Member States now have additional flexibility on how to deliver risk management for farmers. The exemption from the requirement to implement an intervention under article 12 where there are existing national systems in place has been broadened to also offer an exemption where farmers have access to voluntary support for appropriate actions or investments.
12(3)	No change.	Presidency note the request from several Member States for further guidance on alternative methods of calculation.

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*note – this paragraph has a typo, with too many commas in the first sentence in the version that was distributed. It also has inconsistent formatting. This table is formatted as intended by the Presidency.

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Article 13 - Investments Table 1/2		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
13 (title)	Article 13 **[Article 36(3) NRP Regulation added as paragraph 7]** Support for investments for farmers ~~and~~, forest holders **and undertakings which process or market agricultural products**	Aligning with NRP Article 35(1).
13(1b)	**1b. Member States may also grant support to: (a) undertakings which process or market agricultural products. (b) other beneficiaries, provided those beneficiaries are supported only for non-productive investments contributing to the specific objectives listed in Article 3(1)(d)(v) of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP].**	New paragraph to introduce the other possible beneficiaries listed in article 35(1).
13(4)(c)(i)	restoring agricultural or forestry potential following natural disasters, adverse climatic events or catastrophic events, **including those caused by animal and plant diseases**;	Aligning with language in crisis payments article to ensure the full list is explicitly provided for.
13(4)(da)	~~investments~~**Investments in afforestation** ~~contributing to other than~~**which are not consistent with environmental and climate-related** ~~specific~~ **objectives**~~,~~ **in line with sustainable forest management principles**~~.~~**;**	Clearer wording, more aligned with current regulations.

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Article 13 - Investments Table 2/2		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
13(6)	Where Union law results in the imposition of new requirements on farmers, support may be granted for investments to comply with those requirements for a maximum period of 36 months from the date on which they become mandatory for the holding. **Only the expenditure incurred to comply with new Union law requirements shall be eligible for support under this paragraph.**	Relocated this clause to the first subparagraph. It automatically applies to the following subparagraph without the need for repetition.
13(7)	~~Where public support~~**Support** ~~granted~~ **under this** ~~Article~~**article** ~~for an investment operation does not exceed EUR 100 000 and is not subject to rules on public procurement, that support shall~~**may take the form of standard scales of unit costs, lump sums or flat rates**~~, except where this is not appropriate due to the nature of the intervention and duly justified by the Member State~~**.**	There was a clear ask from the Member States to align with the flexibility introduced in the NRP Regulation, and allow the optional use of SCOs.

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Changes that were not introduced in Block 3		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
6(3) - 6(4)	No change.	Although we received numerous comments related to these paragraphs, this working party does not have the remit to make changes or introduce clauses that impact the bracketed elements.
6(6)	No deletion of the Pension provision.	Some Member States suggest that this would be better located in an "Active Farmer" definition. The Presidency felt this would have unintended consequences and broaden the scope of the application of the pension provision to other interventions.
13	Several Member States asked that we create a new article for off-farm marketing and processing, that would be outside the CAP earmarked budget.	This would require changes to the NRP Regulation and bracketed articles, which is not in our remit. The Presidency have instead proposed aligning with the NRP Reg and made a clear distinction between on-farm and off-farm beneficiaries. We remind Member States that we have the flexibility to fund CAP interventions with funds taken from outside of the earmarked amount. It is possible to create two interventions under article 13, from two different sources of funding. This is made easier by the proposed distinction between 1a and 1b.

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Article 14		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
14 - Title	**Support for** ~~Setting-up~~ **setting-up** of young farmers, new farmers, rural business start-ups, farm household income diversification and business ~~start-up and~~ development of small farms	Updated title to align with Article 5 (1) (j)
14 (2a) (a)	~~the actions for~~ farm household income diversification into non-agricultural activities; ~~start-up of rural businesses;~~	Clerical
14 (2a) (b)	~~the~~ business development of small farms, as determined by Member States;	Clerical
14 (2a) (c)	~~the~~ setting-up of new farmers who fulfil the conditions provided for by Member States in their NRP Plans in accordance with Article ~~4(23), of Regulation (EU) […] [NRP]~~2b(7).	(i) Clerical (ii) Reference changed to the correct article in the CAP regulation

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Article 15 – Table 1/2		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
15 - Title	Strategy ~~on~~ **for** Generational Renewal in Agriculture ~~strategy~~	Title of article changed to align with the European Commission's Strategy for Generational Renewal in Agriculture
15	Member States shall ~~establish~~ **describe** in their NRP Plan a Strategy ~~on~~ **for** Generational Renewal in Agriculture to enhance the effectiveness and coherence of interventions targeting young farmers under this Regulation, **other measures supported under the NRP Plan** and national initiatives. The ~~Strategy~~**-description** shall ~~include~~**set out**:	(i) "Establish" replaced with "describe" to provide clarity that a new strategy is not required. (ii) "Other" is inserted to distinguish CAP interventions from other measures under the NRPP. (iii) Last line reworded to reflect that the NRPP only has to contain a description of the generational renewal strategy setting out the relevant elements.

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Article 15 – Table 2/2		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
15 (c)	~~description of~~ -how the Starter pack for young farmers referred to in Article 16 will be **used**~~utilised~~ in the national context~~, of measures set out in the NRP Plan and national initiatives~~;	(i) Clerical (ii) Last part of sentence deleted to simplify the provision.
15 (d)	synergies between **CAP interventions targeting young farmers and any other relevant** measures contributing to generational renewal set out in the NRP Plan.	Clarifies that the synergies are between CAP interventions and other generational renewal measures in the NRPP.

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Article 16 – Table 1/3		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
16 (1)	**Member States shall establish a**~~The~~ Starter pack for young farmers-~~shall include a set of the following measures,~~ in line with the Strategy ~~on~~ **for** Generational Renewal in Agriculture referred to in Article 15**.** ~~;~~	Aligns with the title change in Article 15
16 (1a)	The Starter pack for young farmers shall include **at least three of** the following interventions:	Merges mandatory and optional interventions into a single list, giving member states flexibility to chose at least three suited to national circumstances.
16 (1a) (a)	support for setting-up of young farmers in accordance with Article ~~14(1)(a)14~~**14(1);**	Article reference corrected

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Article 16 – Table 2/3		
16 (1b)	~~**The Starter pack for young farmers may include the following interventions:**~~	Deleted as the entire list of interventions has been merged into a single flexible menu.
16 (1a) (e)	support for rural business start ups in accordance with Article ~~14(1)(b)~~**14 (2a)(ac)** of this Regulation;	Article reference corrected
16 (1a) (fa)	~~actions~~ **support for farm household income diversification into non-agricultural activities in accordance with Article 14(2a)(a) of this Regulation;**	Clerical
16 (1a) (j)	~~access to advisory services and training programs~~ ~~**tailored to young**~~**knowledge** ~~farmers~~'**sharing** ~~needs,~~**actions** in accordance with Article ~~20~~19(1)(b) **of this Regulation.**	(i) Updated to align with language in Article 19 of the CAP regulation. (ii) Article 20 removed as knowledge sharing actions are provided for in Article 19.

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Article 16 – Table 3/3		
16 (2)	~~**Member States shall integrate in the design of the interventions and measures referred to in paragraphs 1a and 1b taking into account theparagraph 1 links and synergies with other measures set out in their NRP Plans, in particular in respect to measures facilitating intergenerational succession and generational renewal, investments for rural business start-ups, or access to and use of financial instruments.**~~	Paragraph deleted as its duplicative of Article 15.
16(3)	In order to facilitate access to the interventions ~~and measures~~ referred to in ~~paragraphs 1a and 1b,~~ **paragraph 1~~,~~** Member States shall **have one or more national or regional** ~~establish a~~ ~~single~~ **points** ~~point~~ of access **to all** ~~for young farmers which may provide inter alia~~ information on support opportunities and procedures~~,~~ ~~and facilitate the entry to and the establishment in the agricultural sector~~ **relevant to young farmers**, including **information on** submission of funding applications and guidance~~,~~ ~~relevant for young farmers~~.	(i) No “measures” in Paragraph 1b. (ii) Clerical as paragraph 1b is deleted. (iii) “Single” deleted as member states can have one or more points of access (iv) Final sentence changed to improve readability.

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Article 17		
Article	**Amendment**	**Rationale**
17 - Title	**Support for** ~~Farm~~**farm** relief services	To align with article 5 (1) (k)
17 (2)	This support shall be limited to the **costs of** setting up ~~of~~ farm relief services and to **the** costs of wages**, including related administrative costs, for** ~~of~~ the workers replacing the **farmer** ~~farm holder~~ during a limited period of time.	(i) Clerical (ii) Clarifies that costs extend beyond wages to include associated administrative costs