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PRESIDENCY FLASH

Agenda for Working Party on Horizontal Agriculture Questions (HAQ)

Wednesday, 30 September 2026, 10:00 & Thursday, 1 October 2026, 10:00

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Agenda

1. Adoption of agenda

The Presidency will invite the working party to adopt the agenda as set out in CM 3572/26.

2. Regulation establishing the conditions for the implementation of the Union support to the CAP ("CAP post-2027 Regulation")

Doc. 13261/26

a. Presidency drafting suggestions on CAP post-2027 Regulation (13261/26)

The Presidency will present its updated drafting suggestions on Blocks 7a, 7b and 7c of the CAP post-2027 Regulation. The presentation will be split into three parts on Wednesday, 30 September 2026:

Wednesday, 30 September:

- Block 7a: Definitions and Interventions
- Block 7c: Controls and penalty system for Farm Stewardship and IACS

Thursday, 1 October:

- Block 7b: Monitoring of agricultural resources, requirements, CAP Networks, International commitments, Competition provisions
- Relevant farming practices for agri-environmental climate actions as referred to in article 20g (e)

Delegations are invited to comment after each presentation.

b. Presentations from the Commission

The Presidency has invited the European Commission to give three further presentations on the CAP post-2027 Regulation. In particular:

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Wednesday, 30 September:

- Controls and penalties for farm stewardship
- IACS

Thursday, 1 October:

- Relevant farming practices for agri-environmental climate actions as referred to in article 20g (e)

Delegations will be invited to comment.

c. The Presidency will summarise the discussions and inform about next steps

d. Blocks 1-6 update - Thursday, October 1st

The presidency will present on the expected next steps and changes under consideration for Block 1-6.

3. Any other business

Information Point

The Presidency would like to inform Member States that the HAQ Working Party meetings scheduled for 13-14 October 2026, and 29-30 October 2026 have been cancelled.

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Irish grass-fed beef

Irish grass-fed beef (PGI) refers to beef products from cattle raised on a grass-based diet on pasture grazing farms in Ireland.

Ireland's mild, temperate climate means that cattle can graze on lush pastures for up to 300 days a year. This results in meat which is tender and succulent, with creamy, yellow fat and a pronounced cherry red meat colour. It has also been found to contain higher levels of vitamins and minerals than beef produced in non or low grass feed systems.

It is for these reasons that the superior quality of Irish grass-fed beef is internationally recognised and can be found listed as a premium ingredient on restaurant menus and food products across the world.

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