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MFF proposal amending the CMO

Focus on the school scheme, marketing standards for animal products, meat designations & carcass grading methods

Council Working Party of 7.10.2025

European Commission

EU school scheme: recap of the main changes

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- **NRPF Regulation** applies for programming → strategies, monitoring and evaluation no longer in the CMO
- **Compulsory** implementation <u>but</u> no ring-fenced amount
- **Simplification**: removal of separate allocations for f&v and milk, criteria for allocations & transfers
- **30% co-financing** by MS
- Possibility to give priority to specific groups of children based on **socio-economic** considerations
- **Eligible products unchanged** (f&v, milk, milk products)
- Priority to products **originating in the Union** combined with criteria linked to higher environmental (**low climate footprint, organic, sustainable packaging**) and social sustainability standards (**animal welfare, short supply chains, small farms, fair-trade**)
- Limited distribution of products high in **free sugars** (10%) and **fats** (30%)
- **Awareness-raising** intervention
    - For all children (option to take regular school curriculum into account)
    - Tasting of other agricultural products
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EU school scheme: CMO provisions

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Article 1(10)

- Chapter II in Part II, Title I – current school scheme **deleted** from 1 January 2028

Article 1(11)

- in Article 23a, **new** financial ceiling for school year 2027-28 (the last school year of the current scheme): EUR 90 million

Article 1(12)

- Chapter IIa **new** school scheme & sectoral interventions
  - Section 1 General provisions
    - Article 26 Scope
  - Section 2 EU school scheme
    - Article 27 Scope and general rules
    - Article 28 Supply and distribution of agricultural products
    - Article 29 Awareness-raising interventions

Article 1(30)

- Article 217 (national payment authorisation) **deleted**

Article 1(33)

- in Article 225, points (e) and (f) (COM reports to the EP/Council) **deleted** (executed by 31.07.2023)

Article 1(37)

- Annex V (list of products) **deleted** (not eligible under the new scheme)

Article 2

- **Transitional** provisions

Article 3

- Entry into force and **application**

Recitals (10), (11), (12)

EU school scheme: Correlation CMO/AmCMO/NRPF

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Current CMO	Description	Proposal
22	Aim, Target group	AmCMO 27(1), (2)
23(1)	Eligible measures and costs	AmCMO 27(4)
23(2),(3),(4), (5)	Scope of eligible products	AmCMO 28(1)
23(4)	Prioritisation of products	AmCMO 28(4)
23(6)	Restrictions on added sugar/fat/salt...	AmCMO 28(3)
23(7)	Products in educational measures	AmCMO 29(2)
23(8)	Strategy requirements	NRPF Reg
23(9)	List of products	AmCMO 28(6); NRPF Reg Annex
23(10)	Accompanying educational measures	AmCMO 29(1)
23(11)	Critieria for choice of products	AmCMO 28(5)
23a(1)	Financial allocation	n/a; NRPF Reg
23a(2)	Criteria for allocation to Member States	n/a; NRPF Reg
23a(3)	Request for Union aid	n/a; NRPF Reg
23a(4)	Transfers	n/a; NRPF Reg
23a(5)	National school schemes and regular school meals	NRPF Reg; AmCMO 28(7)
23a(6)	National aid	NRPF Reg
23a(7)	Financing information and publicity	NRPF Reg; AmCMO 28(7)
23a(8)	Obligation to publicise	AmCMO 27(5)
217	National payments	NRPF Reg

CMO – Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 AmCMO - Proposal COM/2025/553 final NRPF Regulation – Proposal COM/2025/565 final

EU school scheme: Article 1(12) - new Articles 26, 27, 28

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- **Article 26**
  - Scope of Chapter IIa (school scheme & sectoral interventions)
  - Integrated in the Fund and NRP Plans from 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2034
  - Combined application of NRPF, Performance & CMO Regulations
- **Article 27**
  1) Objectives: increase consumption of selected products & improve children's eating habits
  2) Participants, eligibility criteria, focus on certain age groups, socio-economic considerations
  3) Categories of beneficiaries for Member States to select among predefined bodies
  4) Types of interventions.
  5) Member States to ensure that educational establishments publicise their involvement
  6) Details on reporting data referred to in NRPF Regulation
- **Article 28**
  1) Eligible products – reference to Annex I
  2) Products low in free sugars and fats
  3) Prohibition of added sugars, salt, fats, sweeteners and artificial flavour enhancers
  4) Possible exceptions for added sugars, salt, and fats if authorized by health and nutrition authorities as necessary for the production process

EU school scheme - Article 1(12) - new Articles 28, 29

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- **Article 28 (continued)**
  5) Priority for seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables and skimmed or semi-skimmed unsweetened drinking milk
  6) Priority to one or more products having specific sustainability characteristics (low climate footprint, organic production, sustainable packaging, animal welfare standards, locally produced and marketed through short supply chains, from small farms, fair-trade production
  7) List of products and prioritisation criteria to be set in NRP Plans
  8) Products not to be used in the preparation of, nor to replace products that are part of regular school meals
- **Article 29**
  1. Reconnecting children with agriculture and the variety of Union agricultural products, particularly those produced in their region, and raising awareness about related issues
  2. Tasting of other agricultural products listed in Annex I
  3. All the children participating in the EU school scheme can take part in awareness-raising interventions (taking account of regular school curriculum)

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Article 2 for EU school scheme

- Articles 22 to 25 and 217, and Annex V continue to apply after 31 December 2027 for the scheme implemented **until 31 December 2027**

Article 3 for EU school scheme

- Deletion of current scheme rules, national payments provision and Annex V **from 1 January 2028** (date of application of NRPF)

Marketing standards for animal products - Article 1(13) - Amendment to Article 75 CMO

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1) addition of the following sectors/products of animal origin to which **marketing standards** may apply:

(k) beef

(l) pigmeat

(m) sheepmeat

(n) goatmeat

(o) cheese

2) marketing standards can regulate the **place of farming/origin** also for poultrymeat and spreadable fats

These amendments provide the legal basis to establish marketing standards for meats (in particular to extend **origin labelling**), but also to harmonise definitions and composition for certain cheeses

Meat designations - Article 1(14) - Amendment to Article 78(1) CMO

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The following products are added to the list for which **designations and sales descriptions** may apply:

(h) pigmeat

(i) sheepmeat

(j) goatmeat

Meat designations are listed in Annex VII, Part Ia, which includes, **29 terms** reserved for products derived exclusively from **edible parts of animals** as, for instance, pork, lamb, ribs, wing, T-bone, bacon, etc.

Application 12 months after entry into force of the Regulation

Carcass grading methods - Article 1(35) - Amendment to Annex IV CMO

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Part B, Section IV, point 1, provides that grading methods to assess the lean-meat content in pig carcasses are no longer authorised by the Commission but by the **Member State concerned**.

[…] *The lean-meat content shall be assessed by means of grading methods authorised by* ***Member States***. […]