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Irish Presidency's suggestions for the post-2027 CAP Regulation "changes under consideration"

WP Horizontal Agricultural Questions
30th September – 1st of October 2026



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Revised Presidency Text – updates to blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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Block 1

- Article 5

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Article 5		
Article	Amendment	Rationale
Art. 5	Provisions on hemp moved from block 7 definitions to Article 5	
	<u>Proposed text for Article 5:</u> <u>Hemp varieties with Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content exceeding 0,3%, shall not be eligible for support under this Regulation.</u>	This provision on hemp will be moved and updated in block 1, Article 5, as it is not considered suitable for the definition of eligible hectare. Art. 5 text: The updated bold text provides clarification that Hemp varieties with THC content > 0.3%, will not be eligible for support under any intervention in the CAP proposal.

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Block 2

- Article 3
- Article 4
- Article 10

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Article 3 Farm Stewardship		
Article	Amendment	Rationale
Article 3 New paragraph 4a	<u>In respect of the general objectives laid down in Annex I, Part C, Member States may define protective practices additional to those laid down in that Annex. Member States shall not define additional protective practices pursuing objectives other than these general objectives.</u>	Provides clarification that Member States can add new Protective Practices, provided they are in line with the general objective headings.

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Article 4 Climate and Priority Areas		
Article	Amendment	Rationale
Article 4	2. For ~~each of~~ the priority areas, <u>the support</u> referred to in paragraph 1 ~~support~~, shall be provided under the conditions laid down in Articles <u>8, 9, 10, 13 or 19(1)(a)</u> ~~9, 10 and 13~~. <u>The obligation to provide support in accordance with paragraph 1, shall not apply where a Member State demonstrates in its NRP Plan the existence of national provisions or instruments that address that priority area.</u>	Re-ordering of word “support” and reference to paragraph 1, to clarify that the obligation under this Article is to address support to farmers in accordance with paragraph 1, and thus support to other beneficiaries does not count towards these priority areas.

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Article 10 Table 1 of 3

Article	Amendment	Rationale
10 Heading	<i>Article 10</i> [Article 36(2) NRP Regulation added in paragraph 4] <u>Support for Agri-environmental and climate actions</u>	Clerical: “Support for” added in line with intervention heading
Paragraph 1 Point (a)	(a) <u>voluntary annual or</u> multiannual management commitments ~~taken on or 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;~~	Addition of “annual or”, to clarify that both annual and multiannual management commitments are covered under point (a). This makes it more explicit that either annual or multi-annual commitments are eligible under this provision.

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Article 10 Table 2 of 3		
Article	Amendment	Rationale
10 Paragraph 3	3. The ~~supportmanagement 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:~~	Deletions to align text with amendments to paragraph 1 (avoiding duplication).

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Article 10 Table 3 of 3

Article	Amendment	Rationale
10 Paragraph 5a	<u>“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 the management commitment or transition actions were effective. ”</u> <u>“Member States shall also ensure that a revision clause is provided for operations implemented under the type of intervention referred to in this Article which extend beyond the National Regional Partnership Plan period, in order to allow for their adjustment to the legal framework applicable in the following period.”</u>	Revision clause updated with additional paragraph in line with requests from several Member States.

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Block 3

- Article 6
- Article 13

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Article	Amendment	Rationale
6(2)	... Member States may provide for a differentiated payment amount per eligible hectare or different payment amounts for different ranges of eligible hectares per farmer. ...	This additional clarification makes it more explicit that MS can further target support using a differentiated rate per eligible hectare per farmer. To be inserted as a new subparagraph of Article 6(2).
Recital X	A new recital to be added explain that this may be used to achieve the objective of redistribution, moving funding from larger to smaller and medium-sized farmers.	To contextualise above addition.

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Article	Amendment	Rationale
13(1a)	1a. Member States shall grant support under this Article to farmers.	Legal comment that "shall" and "may" beneficiaries must be separated.
13(1b)	1b. Member States may grant support to forest holders and their associations, and farmers' associations.	
13(1c)	1c. 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 Regulation].	Added new point 1c to ensure that the off-farm beneficiaries are still separated. This is for easier separation of funding streams, as presented in September 02-03 HAQ working party.

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Article	Amendment	Rationale
13(6) - (6a)	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. 6a. For young farmers setting up for the first time in an agricultural holding as head of the holding support for investments to comply with the requirements of Union law may be granted for a maximum period of 36 months from the date of setting up, or until the actions defined in the business plan referred to in Article 14(3) are completed.	Separated the two subparagraphs in the former paragraph 6 into 6 and 6a. This is to make clearer that Young Farmers are eligible to receive support for complying with Union Requirements, and not only <u>new</u> Union law requirements as the final sentence of the first subparagraph suggested. No change in intent, but better clarity for the situation for Young Farmers.

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Block 4

- Article 16 - Starter pack for young farmers

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Block 4: Article 16 – Starter Pack for Young Farmers

Article	Amendment	Rationale
16 1a (ba)	investment support with <u>a</u> higher <u>support rate</u> ~~aid intensity~~ for young farmers in accordance with Article 13 of this Regulation and Article 35(4) second subparagraph of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP];	"aid intensity" has been replaced with "support rate" for consistency with the rest of the text.

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Block 5

- Article 18 - Support for LEADER

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Article 18 - LEADER		
Article	Amendment	Rationale
18(1)	1. Member States shall provide support ~~for~~ <u>under</u> LEADER to prepare and implement LEADER local development strategies under the conditions laid down in Article 76 <u>and 77</u> of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP] and as further specified in their NRP Plans.	No change – included for context.
18(2)	2. <u>When designing LEADER</u> , Member States shall <u>take into account the need to</u> support ~~LEADER at least in~~ rural areas with specific disadvantages ~~defined~~ <u>as determined</u> by the Member States in ~~the NPR~~ <u>their NRP</u> Plans.	Removed mandatory coverage for <u>all</u> rural areas. Revised text provides full flexibility for Member States to design LEADER and select the areas to which it is applied. LEADER must take account of the need to support the specific disadvantages. Where such disadvantages do not exist, no obligation. Recital could clarify.