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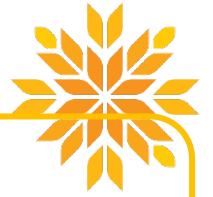
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WP HORIZONTAL AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS

# **NRPP transferred provisions to CAP Regulation**

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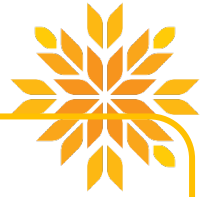
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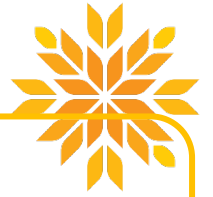
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Title I

**Subject matter, CAP national recommendations and definitions**

<b>NRPP Regulation provisions to transfer</b>	<b>To which CAP provisions are to be transferred</b>
Article 4 – Definitions (14), (15) and (17)	Article 2a – Definitions <i>[new article]</i>
Article 4 – Definitions (22) and (23)	Article 2b – Definitions to be provided for in the NRP Plans <i>[new article]</i>



## Article 2a – Definitions

Ex Article 4 (14), (15) and (17) NRP Regulation

*For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions apply:*

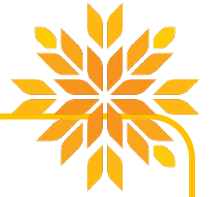
1. **['Farmer']** means:
  - a) *a natural or legal person whose holding is situated in the Union and whose principal activity is agricultural activity in accordance with the criteria defined by the Member States in line with this Regulation; or*
  - b) *natural person or small legal person, whose principal activity is not agriculture, but who is engaged in at least a minimum level of agricultural activity, as defined by Member States.]*
2. **'Agricultural Knowledge and Information system'** or **'AKIS'** means *the combined organisation and knowledge flows between persons, organisations and institutions who use and produce knowledge and innovations for agriculture and interrelated fields referred to in Article 20 of this Regulation;*
3. **'organic farming'** means *organic production system certified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup> ;*
4. **'the smaller Aegean islands'** means *any islands in the Aegean Sea except the islands of Crete and Evia;*



## Article 2b – Definitions to be provided for in the NRP Plans

Article 4(22) and (23) NRP Regulation

1. *Member States shall further establish ~~provide~~ in their NRP Plans the definitions of ('active farmer'), 'agricultural activity', 'agricultural area', 'eligible hectare', 'young farmer', and 'new farmer' pursuant to this Article, in accordance with objective and non-discriminatory criteria and the principle of proportionality.*
2. **('Active farmer')**
3. **'Agricultural activity'** shall...
4. **'Agricultural area'** shall ...
5. **'Eligible hectare'** shall ...
6. **'Young farmer'** shall be determined in such a way as to comprise natural or legal persons meeting the definition of 'farmer' referred to in Article 2a(1) who fulfil at least the following conditions: ...
7. **'New farmer'** shall be determined in such a way as to refer to a farmer other than a young farmer and who is head of the holding for the first time.



Title II

**General requirements and types of interventions**

- **Chapter I – General requirements**
- **Chapter II – Types of interventions**
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Chapter II – Types of interventions

NRPP Regulation provisions to transfer	To which CAP provisions are to be transferred
Article 35 – Types of intervention (3)	Article 5 – Types of <del>support</del> <b>intervention and financial support provisions</b> <i>[Addition]</i>
Article 35 – Types of intervention (3), second subparagraph	Article 6 – Degressive area-based income support <i>[Addition as paragraph 7a]</i>
Article 35 – Types of intervention (5)	Article 11 – Coupled income support <i>[Addition as paragraph 5]</i>
Article 39 – Crop-specific payment for cotton	Article 11a – Crop -specific payment for cotton <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
Article 36 – Specific requirements for CAP interventions (3)	Article 13 – Support for investments for farmers and forest holders <i>[Addition as paragraph 7]</i>
Article 74 –Territorial and local cooperation initiatives (3)	Article 17a - Specific provisions concerning CAP interventions on cooperation <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
Article 38 – Crisis payments to farmers following natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events	Article 20a – Crisis payments to farmers following natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>



## Article 5 - Types of ~~support~~ intervention and financial support provisions

Addition: Article 35(3) NRP Regulation

...

(s) crisis payments ~~for~~ **to** - farmers - **following natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events.**

2. **The** interventions referred to in paragraph 1, points (a) to (k) **and (r)**, ~~and interventions in certain sectors referred to in Title I, 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),~~ of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP].
3. **Areas used for ...**



## Article 6 - Degressive area-based income support

Addition: Article 35(3), second subparagraph, NRP Regulation

...

**3.** *[The total amount of payments ... farmer exceeds EUR 75 000.]*

**4.** *[The total amount of area...legal or natural person.]*

...

~~**7.** *Member States shall ensure that the eligible hectare comprises only areas which are at the farmers' disposal and which comprise:*~~

~~**a)** *agricultural areas on which ...*~~

~~**b)** *areas for which support is ...*~~

~~**c)** *Member States may decide ...*~~

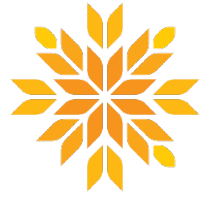
**7a.** *The planned average aid per hectare for degressive area-based income support under this Article shall not be less than EUR [130] and not more than EUR [240] for each Member State. [Article 35(3), second subparagraph NRP]*



## Article 11 - Coupled income support

Addition : Article 35(5), NRP Regulation

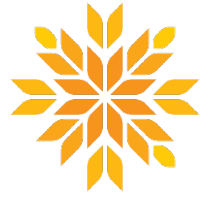
1. *Member States shall provide ... economic or environmental reasons. Coupled income support shall take the form of an annual payment per eligible hectare or per animal or per animal equivalent ~~defined in accordance with Annex II~~.*  
*Member States may grant support in the form of a payment per hectare only for areas they have determined as eligible hectares in accordance with Article **2b(5) 6(7)**.*  
...
5. ***The financial allocation to coupled income support interventions under this Article shall ... by land or sea, not covering the entire territory of the Member State concerned.***



## **Article 11a** – Crop-specific payment for cotton

Ex Article 39, NRP Regulation

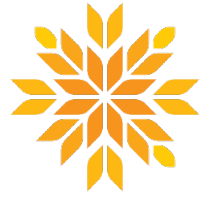
1. *Bulgaria, Greece, Spain and Portugal shall grant a crop-specific payment for cotton to farmers producing cotton falling within CN code 5201 00. Those Member States shall establish specific requirements to guarantee a minimum level of production efficiency and product quality.*
- ...
11. *In the case of farmers who are members of an approved interbranch organisation, the crop-specific payment for cotton for hectares that are eligible within the national base area laid down in paragraph 4 shall be increased by an amount of EUR 2. For this purpose, Member States may establish specific requirements for the members of such interbranch organisations.*



## Article 13 – Support for investments for farmers and forest holders

Addition : Article 36(3), NRP Regulation

1. *Member States shall grant support under this Article ...*
- ...
7. ***Where public support granted under this Article for an investment operation does not exceed EUR 100 000 and is not subject to rules on public procurement, that support shall take the form of standard scales of unit costs, lump sums or flat rates.***



## **Article 17a** – Specific provisions concerning CAP interventions on cooperation

Ex Article 74 (3), NRP Regulation

*Member States shall limit the support for setting-up of producer groups, producer organisations or interbranch organisations referred to in Article 74(1)(f) of Regulation (EU) [...] NRP to 10 % of the turnover of the group or organisation with a maximum of EUR 100 000 per year; that support shall be degressive and limited to the first five years following recognition or the start of joint activities intended to lead to recognition as determined by Member States in the Agriculture chapter of their NRP Plans.*



## **Article 20a** – Crisis payments to farmers following natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events

Ex Article 38, NRP Regulation

1. *Member States may provide crisis payments to farmers that are affected by natural disasters, adverse climatic events or catastrophic events. Those payments shall aim at ensuring continuity of the agricultural activity of those farmers and shall be subject to the conditions set out in this Article and as further specified by the Member States.*
- ...
5. *When granting support under this Article, Member States shall ensure that overcompensation as a result of the combination of this support with other national or Union support instruments or private insurance schemes is avoided.*



**Chapter III – Support for interventions for Smaller Aegean islands**

NRPP Regulation provisions to transfer	To which CAP provisions are to be transferred
Article 42 – Scope and common requirements	Article 20b – Scope and common requirements <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
Article 43 – Specific supply arrangements	Article 20c – Specific supply arrangements <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
Article 44 – Support for local agricultural products	Article 20d – Support for local agricultural products <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
Article 45 - Controls and penalties	Article 20e – Controls and penalties <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>



## **Article 20b** – Scope, objectives and common requirements

Ex Article 42, NRP Regulation

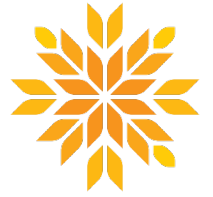
1. *This Chapter lays down specific types of intervention for agriculture to mitigate the difficulties caused by the insularity, small size and distance from markets of the smaller Aegean islands.*
- ...
6. *However, beneficiaries of support for local agricultural products referred to in Article XX [ex-Art 44 NRP - Support for local agricultural products] receiving an annual payment that does not exceed EUR 3 000 shall be exempt from farm stewardship requirements referred to in Annex XI, parts A and C.*



## Article 20c – Specific supply arrangements

Ex Article 43, NRP Regulation

1. *Specific supply arrangements shall...*
- ...
7. *Access to aid within the framework of the specific supply arrangements shall be granted on presentation of a certificate. Certificates shall be issued only to operators entered in a register held by the competent authorities Those certificates shall not be transferred.*
8. *Implementing the specific supply arrangements, Greece shall take account in particular of the need to ensure that existing local production is not destabilised nor obstructed in its development and of the requirement laid down in paragraph 5.*



## **Article 20d** – Support for local agricultural products

Ex Article 44, NRP Regulation

1. *Greece shall grant support for production, processing, marketing and transport of raw and processed agricultural products in the smaller Aegean islands.*
- ...
5. *When a Plan is amended in accordance with Article 24 [amendments to Plans], of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP] beneficiaries affected by the exceptional natural disaster or the severe meteorological event may continue to benefit from support in the form of measures to support production, processing, marketing or sale transport provided for in paragraph 1 irrespective of their level of activity throughout the restoration period, but subject to a formal commitment to restore their agricultural production capacity.*



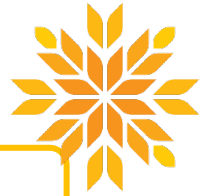
## Article 20e – Controls and penalties

Ex Article 45, NRP Regulation

1. *For the specific supply arrangements, Greece shall conduct verifications by means of administrative, physical and on-the-spot checks.*

...

5. ...  
*In all appropriate cases, Greece shall make use of the Integrated Administration and Control System provided for in Article XX [IACS] and in accordance with Article 70 of Regulation EU [...] [NRP].  
Every on-the-spot check shall be the subject of an inspection report relating the details of the checks carried out.*



**Chapter IV – Support for interventions in certain sectors**

NRPP Regulation provisions to transfer	To which CAP provisions are to be transferred
Article 35 – Types of intervention (9)	Article 20f – <b>Financing of sectoral interventions</b> <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>

**Chapter V- Support for EU school scheme**

NRPP Regulation provisions to transfer	To which CAP provisions are to be transferred
Article 35 – Types of intervention (6), subparagraph 4	Article 20g – Financing of EU school scheme <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
Article 35 – Types of intervention (7)	Article 20h – Relation to national schemes <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>



## **Article 20f** – Financing of sectoral interventions

Ex Article 35 (9) , NRP Regulation

1. *Subject to compliance with Article 20(4) of Regulation, (EU) [...] NRP the Union financial assistance to be granted to recognised producer organisations,*  
...
4. *The Union financial assistance and national contribution to each intervention in certain sectors referred to in Article 31 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 shall together not exceed 100 % of actual costs of the intervention.*



## **Article 20g** – Financing of EU school scheme

Ex Article 35 (6) subparagraph 4, NRP Regulation

*The amount of Union financial assistance set out in the NRP Plan for the supply and distribution, under the EU school scheme, of products containing free sugars or having a fat content above 4 % shall not exceed 10 % of the total amount of the Union financial assistance and the national contribution set out in the NRP Plan for the interventions referred to in Article 35(6), first subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP Regulation].*



## **Article 20h** – Relation to national schemes

Ex Article 35 (7) , NRP Regulation

*The EU school scheme shall be without prejudice to any separate national school schemes which are compatible with Union legislation. Union funding may be used to extend the scope or effectiveness of any existing national school schemes or school distribution schemes providing fruit, vegetables and milk in educational establishments but shall not replace funding for those existing national schemes, except for free distribution of meals to children in educational establishments.*



Title III

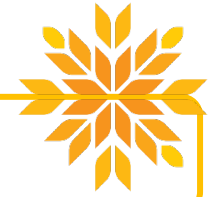
**Monitoring of agricultural resources**

**Article 20i – Monitoring of agricultural resources**

Ex Article 37 , NRP Regulation

The Fund may support actions taken by the Commission through remote-sensing applications used for the monitoring of agricultural resources, which shall aim to give the Commission the means to:

- a) manage Union agricultural markets in a global context;
- ...
- d) contribute to specific measures increasing the transparency of world markets, taking account of Union objectives and commitments;
- e) ensure technological follow-up of the agri-meteorological system.



## Title IV – Specific provisions

NRPP Regulation provisions to transfer	To which CAP provisions are to be transferred
<b>Chapter I- Requirements concerning CAP interventions in the NRP Plans</b>	
Article 36 – Specific requirements for CAP interventions (1)	Article 20j – Requirements concerning CAP interventions in the NRP Plans <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
<b>Chapter II - European and national CAP Networks</b>	
Article 57 – European and national CAP Network	Article 20k - European and national CAP Network <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
<b>Chapter III – Implementation of international commitments</b>	
Article 40 – WTO domestic support	Article 20l – WTO domestic support <i>[New article]</i>
Article 41 – Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on oilseeds	Article 20m – Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on oilseeds <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
<b>Chapter IV – Control and penalty systems and data governance under the CAP</b>	
Article 62 – Control system for farm stewardship and common fisheries policy (2), (3), (4), (5), (8)	Article 20n – <b>Control and penalty system for farm stewardship</b> <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
Article 70 – Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) (4) – (10)	Article 20o - Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>



## **Article 20j** – Requirements concerning CAP interventions in the NRP Plans

Ex Article 36 (1) , NRP Regulation

***In addition to the elements referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP Regulation], Member States shall provide for each CAP intervention referred to in Article 5(1) set out in the chapter or chapter related for agriculture in the NRP Plans:***

...

- f)*** *in relation to the interventions in certain sectors referred to in Part II, Title I, Chapter IIa , section 3 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, justification for targeting the selected sectors and complementarity with other CAP interventions, and where relevant, with other measures set out in the NRP Plan.*



## Article 20k – European and national CAP Network

Ex Article 57 , NRP Regulation

1. *Each Member State shall, at the latest 12 months after the approval by the Commission of the Plan, establish and support a national network for CAP ('national CAP network') for the networking of organisations and administrations, advisors, researchers and other innovation actors, and other actors in the field of agriculture and rural development at national level.*
- ...
5. *The European CAP network and the national CAP networks shall collaborate and carry out joint activities in the achievement of the objectives referred to in paragraph 3. The European CAP network shall use a distinctive visual identity.*



## Article 20I – WTO domestic support

Ex Article 40 , NRP Regulation

1. *Member States shall design the CAP income support interventions on the basis of the types of intervention listed in Annex IIa [WTO Annex] to this Regulation, including the definitions and conditions laid down in Articles 2a and 2b [definitions and framework definitions], in such a way that they qualify under the criteria of Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.*
2. *The support referred to in Article 5(1), points (a), (d), (f), (g), (o) and (p) of this Regulation shall qualify under the criteria of the paragraphs of Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture indicated in Annex IIa [WTO Annex] to this Regulation for those interventions. For other interventions, the paragraphs... explained in the NRP Plan.*



## **Article 20m** – Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on oilseeds

Ex Article 41 , NRP Regulation

1. *Where Member States provide for area-based interventions relevant for the Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Economic Community and the United States of America on oilseeds under GATT, the total of the support area based upon the planned outputs included in the Plans of the Member States concerned shall not exceed the maximum support area for the whole Union.*
- ...
7. *Member States shall exclude the cultivation of confectionery sunflower seed from any area-based intervention referred to in paragraph 1.*



## Article 20n – Control and penalty system for farm stewardship

Ex Article 62 (2), (3), (4), (5), (8) , NRP Regulation

1. **For the purposes of the obligation laid down in Article 62(1), first subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP], Member States shall make use of their control and enforcement systems in the areas of climate and environment, public health, plant health and animal welfare, social and employment legislation, applicable labour standards , ~~fisheries and aquaculture~~ to ensure that beneficiaries of the support comply with the ~~requirements set out in the first paragraph.~~ **statutory management requirements listed in Annex I, Parts A and B.****
- ...
5. **In order to ensure a level playing field among Member States and the effectiveness, proportionality and dissuasive effect of the penalties referred to in paragraph ~~5 4 and recoveries and inadmissibility referred to Article XX of Regulation EU XX [Common Fisheries Policy], and in paragraph 6 and 7 of this Article,~~ the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article ~~86 23~~ supplementing this Regulation with **detailed rules on the application and calculation of the penalties:**
  - a) ~~detailed rules on the application and calculation of the penalties;~~
  - b) ~~the identification of the threshold triggering, and the period of time of, the inadmissibility as well as the arrangements for recovering the support granted, including thresholds triggering it~~**



## Article 20o – Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)

Ex Article 70, (4) – (10), NRP Regulation

1. Member States shall annually assess the quality of the elements of the integrated system referred to in paragraph 3, points (a), (b) and (c) **of Article 70 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP]**, in accordance with the methodology set up at Union level.

...

6. ...

b. basic features of, and rules on the:

I. agriculture monitoring system (AMS);

II. geo-spatial and animal-based application system (GSA);

III. land parcel identification system (LPIS)

IV. the European land monitoring system.

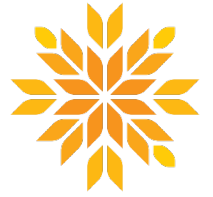
7. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 24 [committee procedure, examination procedure].



Title V  
**Competition provisions**

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<b>NRPP Regulation provisions to transfer</b>	<b>To which CAP provisions are to be transferred</b>
Article 84 – Rules applying to undertakings	Article 21a – Rules applying to undertakings <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>
Article 85 – State aid	Article 21b – State aid <i>[Transferred as a new article]</i>



## **Article 21a** – Rules applying to undertakings

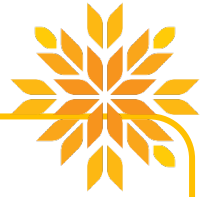
Ex Article 84 , NRP Regulation

*Where support is granted through CAP interventions referred to in Article 5(1) of this Regulation to forms of cooperation between undertakings, it may be granted only to such forms of cooperation which comply with the competition rules provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.*

## **Article 21b** – State Aid

Ex Article 85 , NRP Regulation

- 1. Save as otherwise provided for in this Article, Articles 107, 108 and 109 TFEU shall apply to support under this Regulation and Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 in relation to types of interventions laid down in Part II, Title I, Chapter IIa of that Regulation.*
- ...
- 6. By way of derogation from Article 211 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and Article 3 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006, Articles 107, 108 and 109 TFEU shall not apply to payments to support local agricultural production and specific supply arrangements made by Member States in accordance with this Regulation.*



Title VI  
**Final provisions**

- **Chapter I – Measures to resolve specific problems**  
CAP Regulation, Article 22
- ***Chapter II – Delegated and implementing acts***  
CAP Regulation, Article 23 & Article 24
- **Chapter III – Final provisions**  
CAP Regulation, Article 25

**Annexes**  
**New Annex IIa WTO domestic support**  
(transferred from Annex XVII NRP Regulation)



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