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Delegations will find in Annexes comments from the Finnish Delegation.

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Presidency drafting suggestions (WK 4064/2020) - Finland comments

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands

We thank the Presidency for providing the Member States with an opportunity to comment on the latest drafting suggestions. We would like to make the following comments:

Presidency drafting suggestion:

(iv) Annex I

Some delegations have suggested changes to the list of agricultural products in order to take into account classification in the custom nomenclature, production features and consumer habits regarding certain products that are not listed in the fresh or processed fruit and vegetable sector and, for that reason, cannot benefit from the measures for that sector. To reflect that, the Presidency suggests:

- deleting sweetcorn from Part I (Cereals; CN code 0709 99 60, 0712 90 19) and deleting the current exclusions in Part IX (Fruit and vegetables; CN code 0709 99 60) and in Part X (Processed fruit and vegetable products; CN code 0710 40 00, 0711 90 30, 0712 90 19, 2001 90 30, 2004 90 10, 2005 80 00);
- deleting Jerusalem artichokes from Part I (Cereals; CN code 0714) and adding them to Part IX (Fruit and vegetables);
- adding swede to Part IX (Fruit and vegetables) together with other edible roots (CN code 0706).

Finland thanks Presidency drafting this suggestion and supports it. It is very important to add specially Swede and Jerusalem artichokes to Part IX (Fruits and vegetables). As only products listed (in Part IX) can be included in the calculation of the value of the production placed on the market by a Fruit and vegetables producer organisations. These products are widely grown by our vegetable producers for human consumption.

Finland is also interested what is the timetable and the next steps regarding the amendment procedure.