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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions
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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation on the financing, management and monitoring of the CAP - Proposal from Spain on Article 99

Delegations find attached a proposal from Spain on Article 99 of the proposed Horizontal Regulation.

TO INCLUDE IN POINT 3 (ANY OTHER BUSINESS) OF AGENDA:

BLOCK 8. REDRAFTING OF ARTICLE 99 OF HORIZONTAL REGULATION

1. Background information

The Presidency presented a document WK 1568/2018 (04 February 2019) on the categorisations of articles for the purpose of identifying further work proposal and suggested possible changes to the document.

2. Proposal regarding articles 99.

Firstly, we want to apologize for dealing with this issue, but our colleagues in analysis and statistics consider it important to review this issue once we have already started the studies for the strategic plan in Spain and the possible difficulties that we are found.

We think that the categorization of block 8 should be modified and include article 99, processing and protection of personal data in the category of redrafting (minor). Therefore we would like to include in Article 99 this drafting suggestion:

2. The NSIs and other national authorities and the Commission (Eurostat) shall have access to administrative data sources, from within their respective public administrative system, to the extent that these data are necessary for the analysis and statistics to the design, implementation, and evaluation of CAP Strategic Plan.

We believe this possibility could help to design the strategic Plan with more guarantees.



RATIONALE:

The new proposals for Regulations relating to the CAP introduce a series of paradigm changes, among which the need to structure the design of the CAP around a strategy on which political decisions will be constructed, and the performance of the same, based on data.

The information available to the Department of Agrarian Statistics is very limited to its own administrative records - most of them related to CAP payments - and the surveys that can be done thanks to the limited budgets, all of them in response to different European regulations. However, census, tax, employment and social security information, etc. in a disaggregated way, they are fundamental to be able to identify the characteristics of the agrarian sector, its strengths and weaknesses, threats and opportunities, and be able to define, based on facts, the new common agrarian policies.

Therefore, it is important to allow the National Statistics Authority (INE) and the other National Authorities defined in art. 5 of Regulation No. 223/2009, can access administrative records not only for the production of statistics, for which they are enabled in Article 17 of the aforementioned Regulation, but also to produce analysis and statistics to design, implement and evaluate the Strategic Plan and could help to design it with more guarantees.