



NOTE ON COMAGRI VOTE DE LA COMAGRI THE CAP POST 2020 AND THE REVISION OF REGULATION 1151/12 ON QUALITY SCHEMES

On April 1st and 2nd 2019, the Agricultural Committee (AGRI) of the European Parliament voted on two of the three regulation proposals on the future CAP post 2020:

- **Amending Regulation** (proposes amendments to CMO Reg. 1308/13, Reg. 1151/12 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, Reg. 251/14 on GIs for aromatized wine, among other);

Rapporteur of the EP AGRI Committee: **MEP Eric Andrieu (S&D)** [2018/0218\(COD\)](#)

- **CAP Strategic Plans** (a proposed new way of working covering direct payments to farmers, rural development support and sectoral support programmes);

Rapporteur of the EP AGRI Committee: **MEP Esther Herranz Garcia (EPP)** [2018/0216\(COD\)](#)

AMENDING REGULATION

The first vote on CAP reform, held on April 1st, focussed on the new EU rules for common market organisation (CMO) in agricultural products after 2020. The amendments to Mr Andrieu draft report were approved by **29 votes in favour to 7 against, with one abstention**.

AREPO welcomed the changes to the EC legislative proposal amending CMO and GIs regulations proposed by the Rapporteur. In particular, his amendments included new elements to the CMO Regulation with the objective to **strengthen market regulation and crisis management**.

Focusing on GIs, the most relevant amendment to the CMO Regulation approved by MEPs, concerned the **extension of the instrument of supply regulation** (already existing for PDO/PGI cheese, ham and wine) **to all PDO and PGI products, as well as to all products with a national quality scheme**. By introducing this new article, the flexibilities and specificities currently given to cheese and ham producers remain untouched by the amendment. In our [Preliminary Analysis on Comagri reports concerning the CAP post 2020](#), we considered such a proposal as a positive development, in line with the requests by several AREPO producer representatives.

Concerning the simplification of GIs system, the text voted by Agriculture Committee MEPs, introduces as well some positive amendments to the initial Commission legislative proposal. Furthermore, **these amendments include some of AREPO's and OriGIn's proposals tabled by MEPs**.

Particularly, Comagri agreed to assuring a **more efficient approval of amendments to product specifications** as well as to the proposal of adopting **guidelines setting out criteria and a common methodology for the implementation and enforcement of the administrative process of Union and standard amendments to product specifications**.

Finally, MEPs voted in favour of an **improvement of PDO/PGI protection against the abuse of their reputation**, also considering the strengthening of the protection for GIs on the internet, especially the **protection against any second level bad faith registration in the domain name space** (website name).

CAP STRATEGIC PLANS

On April 2nd, AGRI Committee voted on the second batch of proposals concerning the CAP reform: the so-called Strategic Plans regulation, which proposes new rules for direct payments and rural development after 2020. The text was approved by **27 votes in favour to 17 against, with one abstention**.



In Rural Development, quality schemes are included in “cooperation” type of measure (art. 71). In the text approved by MEPs, Member States **may choose to support quality schemes under the “cooperation” type of intervention**, with the possibility to **support producer organisations or producer groups including those whose products are covered by the Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012**.

In addition, in line with AREPO and OriGIn common proposals, MEPs also voted in favour of the inclusion of **support for certification costs of EU quality schemes, as possible intervention under this type of measure**.

NEXT STEPS

Both texts approved by AGRI Committee will not reach the plenary stage in the current legislative term. After the 23-26 May European elections, they will have to be scrutinised by the new Parliament as a whole. Despite both the Rapporteurs hope that the work done will be maintained, it will be up to the Conference of Presidents of the next Parliament (EP president and leaders of political groups) to decide whether to forward the draft reports to the plenary, otherwise the new AGRI Committee will have to examine the subject again.

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