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# OMNIBUS PROPOSAL

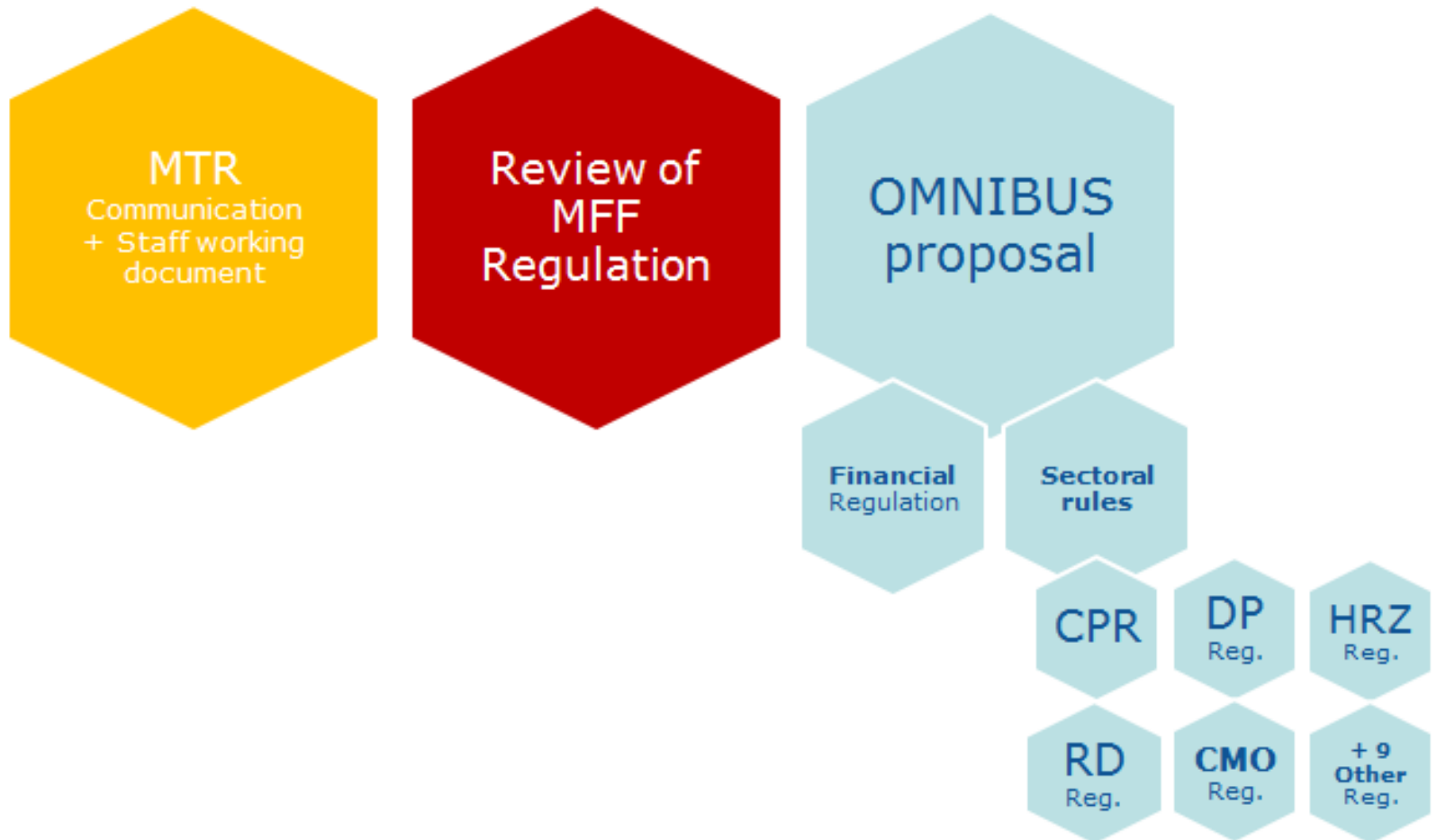
## Articles 267-270 on the CAP basic acts

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# Midterm review package



## CAP Part

### **Rural Development Regulation (1305/2013) – Art. 267**

- Financial instruments
- Support to young farmers
- Income stabilisation tool
- Rules on selection criteria
- Quicker availability for EU funding

### **Horizontal Regulation (1306/2013) – Art. 268**

- Financial discipline procedure
- 50/50 rule for clearing irregularity cases
- Public procurement rules

### **Direct Payment Regulation (1307/2013) – Art. 269**

- Active farmer
- Young Farmer Payment
- SAPS
- Voluntary Coupled Support

### **CMO Regulation (1308/2013) – Art. 270**

- Operational programmes (fruit and vegetable sector)
- Management of Import quotas

# Rural Development Regulation 1305/2013

## Financial Instruments

Changes to ease (and harmonise with other European Structural & Investment Funds) the rules applicable to FIs

## Support to young farmers

Greater flexibility for the support to young farmers

## Income stabilisation tool

Introduction of a sector-specific (agricultural) income stabilisation tool

## Simplification of the rules on selection criteria

Simpler rules for the selection of beneficiaries in cases with specific characteristics

## Quicker availability of EU funding

Investment projects in connection with the refugee crisis - eligible as from the date of the event and not only as from the date of programme modification/application for support. The same flexibility will apply to EU support in case of catastrophic events in rural areas.

## Horizontal Regulation 1306/2013

### **Financial discipline procedure**

Financial discipline: simpler decision-making procedure

### **50/50 rule for clearing irregularity cases**

Simpler and shorter administrative procedure for clearing irregularity cases; 100% rule instead of 50/50%-rule with lengthy administrative follow-up

### **Public procurement rules**

New, more proportionate rule on the recovery of undue payments in the case of violations of public procurement rules

# Direct Payments Regulation 1307/2013

## Young farmer payment

The maximum number of hectares with the top-up no longer applies, unless it is needed to respect the 2 per cent ceiling

## SAPS

Possibility of using unspent funds for Member States applying the SAPS (i.e. overbooking mechanism)

## Active farmer

1. More flexibility for MS to choose by which test entities they can prove they are active
2. As from claim year 2018 the whole clause becomes voluntary, so Member States can decide whether or not to apply the Active Farmer rules

## Voluntary Coupled Support

In times of market crisis, Member States can decide to “decouple” the Voluntary Coupled Support (as already done for 2017 for the dairy sector by a Commission implementing regulation). This proposal allows such a move to continue for 2018 and following years.

# CMO Regulation 1308/2013

## Operational programmes (Fruit & vegetables sector)

Coaching eligible under crisis measures in operational programmes, 100%

## Import quotas

Simpler management of import quotas (publish information on the internet rather than through Commission regulations)

## Process so far and way ahead

- ✓ in the Council
- ✓ in the Parliament