**Draft proposal**

**Simplification: Introduction of management rules for a system of collective claims**

**for agri-environmental and climate measures (AECM) under rural development**

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| Title | **Rural Development – AECM measures – Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)** |
| Scope | Introduction of management rules for a system of collective claims under 2nd pillar / agri-environmental and climate measures (AECM), in combination with a system of real-time notification of activities |
| Legal basis | Chapter 2 of Title V of Regulation 1306/2013 |
| Current Commission Regulations | **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 (amendments to Articles 11, 25, 26, 32, 36, 36 and new Article 14a)** |
| Foreseen date of adoption | End of 2015 / Beginning of 2016 |
| Foreseen first year of implementation | 2016 |
| Purpose of proposal | The proposal aims at providing a legal framework for the management and control of situations where a group of farmers is considered as a beneficiary for some types of Agri-Environmental and Climate Measures (AECM) under Rural Development. This is especially relevant for such measures implemented at the level of habitat (e.g. biodiversity and nature conservation). It allows the administration to target and concentrate the support to those areas/beneficiaries that can achieve better results in terms of policy performance.  Provisions regarding the content of the aid applications and the system of on-the-spot checks are thus introduced to accommodate this specific type of mechanism.  This goes in combination with a system of notification, by beneficiaries, of the activities planned (e.g. delayed mowing, sowing of crop) 14 days before they are actually carried out (whilst in the current system they should be notified already at the stage of the payment claim, hence several weeks/months beforehand). It thus gives further flexibility to beneficiaries to facilitate a result-oriented approach. |

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