**Draft proposal**

**Simplification: possibilities to modify the content of the aid applications**

**with regard to land use for the purpose of the greening**

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| Title | **Direct payments – Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)** |
| Scope | Aid applications – modification of the content of the aid application regarding land use (greening) |
| Legal basis | Chapter 2 of Title V of Regulation 1306/2013 |
| Current Commission Regulations | **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 (amendment to Article 14)** |
| Foreseen date of adoption | End of 2015 / Beginning of 2016 |
| Foreseen first year of implementation | 2015 (retroactive application) |
| Purpose of proposal | It is relevant, in some cases, to allow Member States to authorise beneficiaries to inform the paying agency about changes in the application after it has been submitted with regard to land use in the context of greening. Indeed, as regards the fulfilment of the greening obligations, beneficiaries need to declare the use of agricultural parcels at the latest by the final date for submission of the single application or aid application (to be set by the Member State but 15 May at the latest, 15 June in Northern countries).  However, during the growing season, farmers might need to adapt their cultivation plan as regards either the crop or its location. Therefore, in duly justified circumstances, and for the purpose of the greening only, they are now given the possibility to modify their declaration with respect to the use of the agricultural parcels declared.  This possibility is however granted provided it does not put the beneficiary in a more favourable position with regard to compliance with the greening obligations compared to his/her initial declaration (e.g. if s/he declared only 3% of arable land as EFA – instead of the required 5% - at the time of aid application, the proposal does not make it possible to adjust later on his/her declaration to a higher percentage). |

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