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Omnibus Regulation: focus on Voluntary Coupled Support

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Disclaimer:

Please note that, as the discussions on the Omnibus proposal are under-way, some information presented on these slides regarding the content and/ or the timing of the procedure may still be subject to further changes.

Proposed change in Reg. 1307/2013 for Voluntary coupled support (VCS)

Art. 269(6) of the "**Omnibus**":

"In Article 52 the following paragraph 10 is added:

*(10) The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 70 concerning measures to avoid that beneficiaries of voluntary coupled support maintain the level of production despite structural market imbalances in a sector **by allowing that such support may continue to be paid until 2020 on the basis of the production units for which voluntary coupled support was granted in a past reference period.**"*

Background

*One of the measures to address the **milk crisis** = to allow MS reviewing their VCS measures for the dairy sectors for claim year 2017 (**Reg. (EU) No 2016/1616**).*

For CY 2017, MS can decide to grant the VCS for milk and milk products on the basis of the animals eligible in 2016 (without obligation for the farmer to maintain this number).

→ Limited to milk and milk products sector

→ Based upon 'emergency measures' provisions of Reg. 1307/2013, hence limited to 12 months (CY 2017)

Objective and characteristics

- *Tool for market crisis management on a longer term: CY 2018 and onwards (not limited to one year)*
- *To ensure better consistency of the measure with other possible EU measures available at times marked by depressed price levels due to overproduction*
- *Optional*
- *All sectors eligible to VCS undergoing structural market imbalances*
- *On the basis of the animals/hectares eligible in a past reference year*

Timing and procedure

Draft proposal **adopted** on 14 September 2016

Council side:

- *SK presidency: start of discussions + state of play*
 - *MT presidency: continuation of discussions + state of play*
- AGRI Council April 2017*

EP side: COMAGRI lead for agricultural part

- *Start of discussions in December 2016*
- *Draft reports of the two co-rapporteurs: end February 2017*
- *Vote in COMAGRI: May 2017*
- *Plenary: June 2017*

*Start of **trilogues** in July → till after summer break*

Adoption, publication, entry into force, application (from CY 2018)

Thank you
Questions