Bilateral meeting with Mr Piet Adema, Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands

27 June 2023, 17.00-17.30, Luxembourg

Minutes

Subject: The latest developments with regard to the negotiations on the Dutch Agricultural Agreement to achieve a credible and workable future for Dutch farmers

Participants: Mr Piet Adema, Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands,
Mr Janusz Wojciechowski, EU Commissioner for Agriculture,
Ms Magdalena Majerczyk, Cabinet Expert,
Mr Andreas Schneider, Cabinet Member,

The meeting took place at the margin of the AGRIFISH Council meeting in Luxembourg.
The Commissioner opened and stated:

- welcomes efforts of the Netherlands to realise the transition to sustainable farming;
- how does the failure to reach an Agricultural Agreement impact the establishment of the area-based plans of the Dutch provinces due 1 July 2023 and the objectives of this government to address the challenges in the Netherlands with regard to climate, water and biodiversity?
- how does this impact the implementation of the NL CSP?

On Renure, it was discussed:

- high fertiliser prices are leading increase farmer production costs and ensuring availability and affordability of fertilisers;
- the recent Communication on fertilisers and a wider use of fertilisers based on organic sources like manure is within the actions proposed;
- the use of nutrient from manure or recycled manure to increases circularity;
- the Commission will adopt on 5 July 2023 a Communication on Integrated Nutrient Management Action Plan;
- this approach on nutrients will also promote use of manure and processed manure, in compliance with the Nitrates Directive;
- it can play a role in helping farmers to reduce their exposure to volatile mineral fertiliser prices. It also helps to close nutrient cycles from livestock manure;
- beyond this, the Commission will examine if the Nitrates Directive sufficiently covers all risks of nutrient pollution from all new types of fertilisers, including new fertilisers based on recycled nutrients;
- these initiatives, led by DG ENV, are key for further discussion on Renure.

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