Dear Sir/Madame,

I am sending a letter from the National Council of Agricultural Chambers in Poland to President of the European Commission Ms. Ursula von der Leyen about taking legal steps to enable the use of the derogation for GAEC 6, 7 i 8.

Yours faithfully

Below is a draft translation:

“Ms. Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Commission

Dear Madam President,

As the National Council of Agricultural Chambers, representing the voice of Polish farmers, I address you, Madam President, to take legal steps to enable the use of derogations for GAEC 6, 7, and 8 norms.

Climate-related events in many member states affected by severe droughts and floods will result in a significant reduction in crop production and quality. The projected grain production of 256 million tons is likely the worst result since 2007, and it is 10% lower than the five-year average, raising significant concerns. Many farmers will not be able to cover production costs, and the current market situation will likely have a strong impact on 2024.

On the other hand, the ongoing war in Ukraine and the closure of the Black Sea by Russia are reducing the availability of agricultural products. This situation is particularly harmful to EU exports and developing countries, which, along with Ukraine, are the most affected by this geopolitical situation.

In light of the above, I request the allowance of a temporary waiver from the application of GAEC 6, GAEC 7, and GAEC 8 norms. The obligation to comply with these norms requires land to be taken out of production or to undergo various agrotechnical procedures, which, in the face of unpredictable weather conditions, particularly prolonged drought, do more harm than contribute to improving climatic and environmental conditions in Europe.

Furthermore, many farmers from member states request an extension of the existing derogations for certain GAEC norms to ensure the profitability of their farms and increase production in the EU. Therefore, it is crucial to accept the proposals of member states by developing the necessary legislative provisions to introduce such derogations for GAEC 6, 7, and 8 in the year 2023.
In light of the above,

Yours sincerely,

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