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NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

**Subject: Meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA)
Brussels, 16 October 2017 - Summary record**

The SCA had one point of substance on the agenda – to secure an endorsement of the compromise on the agricultural part of the omnibus, reached at the trilogue on 27/9/2017. While a final decision of a few delegations was deferred, the compromise was generally endorsed. The Presidency informed that it will aim to secure entry into force on 1/1/2018. This may be done regardless the progress on the other sections of the omnibus.

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Further information: [redacted]

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Summary record of the 1558th meeting of the SCA**
3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and amending Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, EU No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1305/2013, (EU) No 1306/2013, (EU) No 1307/2013, (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Decision No 541/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (Omnibus proposal) (First reading)**
 - Debriefing of the last trilogue
 - Endorsement of the compromise package

Summary

PRES informed the SCA of the outcome of the forth trilogue on the agricultural provisions of the Omnibus proposal. Commission took note of the compromise and recalled its statement on producer cooperation which raises concerns on the impact of AM 129).

PRES invited the delegations to endorse the compromise text tacitly. Nevertheless, a number of delegations expressed their views – PL and NL issued a positive scrutiny reservation, BE abstained (due to compromise agreement on risk management).

PRES concluded that further technical work will be undertaken in order to secure entry into force on 1/1/2018 on the basis of the tabled compromise text.

Detailed comments

The PRES debriefed the delegations on the fourth trilogue on the agricultural provisions of the Omnibus proposal which took place on 27 September 2017 and which resulted in an agreement supported by all institutions.

In the ensuing debate, the majority of the delegations (FR, IT, ES, DE, LV, AT, FI, LU, UK, EL, HU, IE, SK, CY) expressed their support for the compromise reached. BE abstained, NL issued a reservation on the RD part (requesting the same wording as regards the threshold for insurance and sector specific income stabilisation tool) and PL issued a positive scrutiny reservation. DK and SE announced their final position will depend on the overall compromise on the whole Omnibus package.

While DE accepted the new definition of permanent grassland, they asked for clarifications of the effects of new the provisions (especially regarding clover). They also requested the retroactivity point to be annexed to the SCA minutes. Similarly, FR also announced their intention to include to the SCA minutes a statement from their side on the Commission's statement on Producer co-operation.

The Legal Service of the Council also specified its position regarding the Commission's statement on Producer co-operation (CMO – AM 129). In that statement the Commission notes that the amendments agreed by the Parliament and Council are included without an impact assessment as required by the Inter-Institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making. In the Council's view, it is not a legal requirement to have an impact assessment.

A lot of delegations required clarifications regarding the next steps and timetable. In its response, the PRES explained the aim is still to apply the new rules as from 1 January 2018 and that it deals with the package as a whole at the moment, despite delays in the financial part of the Omnibus package (with financial trilogues planned for early November 2017). In case a timely implementation is not achievable, the PRES announced it will address the situation as appropriate and discuss the matters with the colleagues dealing with the Financial Regulation.

Conclusions

The PRES concluded that the SCA took note of the outcome of the fourth trilogue and of the support of the SCA regarding the overall compromise package agreed ad referendum at the trilogue and its agreement that the necessary technical work can take place to finalise the legal texts. The PRES also requested PL to come back on their positive reservation within 48 hours (DL 18/10).

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4. Organisation of future work

The next **SCA** meeting will take place on 23 Oct. The meeting will include the Council preparatory work such as 1) International trade, 2) Follow-up of Soil conference (PRES discussion paper expected this week) 3) Commission explanations (background paper) regarding Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP).

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