








# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	2015/0070(COD) Procedure completed
Common agricultural policy (CAP): adjustment rate for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015 See also Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013	<a href="#">2011/0288(COD)</a>
Subject 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	 <a href="#">SIEKIERSKI Czesław Adam</a>	14/04/2015
		Shadow rapporteur  <a href="#">KUŹMIUK Zbigniew</a>	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	 Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Commission DG <a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	Commissioner HOGAN Phil	
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events			
15/04/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
28/05/2015	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
01/06/2015	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A8-0174/2015</a>	Summary
08/06/2015	Debate in Parliament		
09/06/2015	Results of vote in Parliament		
09/06/2015	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T8-0217/2015</a>	Summary
15/06/2015	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
08/07/2015	Final act signed		

08/07/2015	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/07/2015	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2015/0070(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	See also Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 <a href="#">2011/0288(COD)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/8/03143

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2015)0141</a>	26/03/2015	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE554.849</a>	17/04/2015	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES2052/2015</a>	22/04/2015	ESC	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE557.157	08/05/2015	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A8-0174/2015</a>	01/06/2015	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0217/2015</a>	09/06/2015	EP	Summary
Draft final act		<a href="#">00027/2015/LEX</a>	17/06/2015	CSL	

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 2015/1146</a> <a href="#">OJ L 191 17.07.2015, p. 0006</a> Summary

## Common agricultural policy (CAP): adjustment rate for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015

**PURPOSE:** to fix the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** Article 25 of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1306/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council lays down that a reserve intended to provide additional support for the agricultural sector in the case of major crises affecting the agricultural production or distribution has to be established by applying, at the beginning of each year, a reduction to direct payments with the financial discipline mechanism referred to in Article 26 of that Regulation.

Article 25 of this regulation determines that the total amount of the reserve for crises in agricultural sector shall be EUR 2 800 million with equal annual instalments of EUR 400 million (at 2011 prices) for the period 2014-2020 and shall be included under Heading 2 of the Multiannual Financial Framework.

The calculation of the financial discipline adjustment rate is part of the preparation of the 2016 Draft Budget. The amount of the reserve for crises in the agricultural sector, foreseen to be included in the Commission 2016 Draft Budget, amounts to EUR 441.6 million in current prices. Based on the first estimates of budget appropriations for direct payments and market related expenditure, the net balance available for EAGF expenditure for 2016 is not likely to be exceeded.

Article 8(1) of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1307/2013](#) lays down that the adjustment rate applied to direct payments determined in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 is only to apply to direct payments in excess of EUR 2 000 to be granted to farmers in the corresponding calendar year. Furthermore, it provides that as a result of the gradual introduction of direct payments, the adjustment rate is only to apply to Bulgaria and Romania from 1 January 2016 and to Croatia from 1 January 2022.

The Commission has to present a proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council concerning the adjustment rate no later than 31 March of the calendar year in respect of which that adjustment rate applies.

CONTENT: this proposal aims to implement the provisions of Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 and Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013. It seeks to set the percentage rate of the financial discipline adjustment rate in respect of calendar year 2015.

The proposed Regulation lays down the amounts of direct payments under the support schemes listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 to be granted to a farmer in excess of EUR 2 000 for an aid application submitted in respect of calendar year 2015 shall be reduced by 1.393041%. The reduction shall not apply in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the total reduction resulting from the application of financial discipline amounts to EUR 441.6 million. The percentage of the financial discipline adjustment rate is 1.393041%.

The application of this adjustment rate will result in the reduction of the amounts of direct payments for budget lines covering expenditure relating to aid applications submitted by farmers in respect of calendar year 2015 (financial year 2016).

## Common agricultural policy (CAP): adjustment rate for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015

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The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the report by Czesław Adam SIEKIERSKI (EPP, PL) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading taking over the Commission proposal.

The purpose of the proposed Regulation is to implement the provisions of Article 26 of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1306/2013](#) on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and Article 8 of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1307/2013](#) establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy. It seeks to set the percentage rate of the financial discipline adjustment rate in respect of calendar year 2015.

The proposed Regulation lays down the amounts of direct payments under the support schemes listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 to be granted to a farmer in excess of EUR 2 000 for an aid application submitted in respect of calendar year 2015 shall be reduced by 1.393041%. The reduction shall not apply in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania.

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The European Parliament adopted by 544 votes to 78, with 9 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading in which it approved, unamended, the Commission proposal.

This proposal seeks to set the percentage rate of the financial discipline adjustment rate in respect of calendar year 2015. It lays down the amounts of direct payments under the support schemes listed in Annex I to [Regulation \(EU\) No 1307/2013](#) to be granted to a farmer in excess of EUR 2 000 for an aid application submitted in respect of calendar year 2015 shall be reduced by 1.393041%. The reduction shall not apply in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania.

Until 1 December 2015, the adjustment rate fixed by this Regulation may be adapted by the Commission, on the basis of new information in its possession.

## Common agricultural policy (CAP): adjustment rate for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015

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PURPOSE: to fix the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of calendar year 2015.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2015/1146 of the European Parliament and of the Council fixing the adjustment rate provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 for direct payments in respect of the calendar year 2015.

CONTENT: this Regulations seeks to implement the provisions of Article 26 of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1306/2013](#) on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and Article 8 of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1307/2013](#) establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy. It seeks to set the percentage rate of the financial discipline adjustment rate in respect of calendar year 2015.

- Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 provides that, in order to ensure that the annual ceilings set out in Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 for the financing of the market-related expenditure and direct payments are respected, an adjustment rate for direct payments is to be determined when the forecasts for the financing of the measures financed under that sub-ceiling for a given financial year indicate that the applicable annual ceilings will be exceeded.
- Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 provides that the adjustment rate applied to direct payments determined in accordance with Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 is to apply only to direct payments in excess of EUR 2 000 to be granted to farmers in the corresponding calendar year. Furthermore, Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 provides that, as a result of the gradual introduction of direct payments, the adjustment rate is to apply to Bulgaria and Romania only from 1 January 2016 and to Croatia only from 1 January 2022.

The Regulation lays down the amounts of direct payments under the support schemes listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 to be granted to a farmer in excess of EUR 2 000 for an aid application submitted in respect of calendar year 2015 shall be reduced by 1.393041%. The reduction shall not apply in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 24.7.2015.