


Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed 2018/0414(COD)
Direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020 Amending Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 2011/0280(COD) Amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 2011/0282(COD)	
Subject 3.10.01.02 Rural development, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		07/01/2019	
		 SIEKIERSKI Czesław Adam		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
	DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
	REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
	CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	3671	12/02/2019	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner		
	Agriculture and Rural Development	HOGAN Phil		
European Economic and Social Committee				

Key events			
07/12/2018	Legislative proposal published	COM(2018)0817	Summary
13/12/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
07/01/2019	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
18/01/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0018/2019	Summary
31/01/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		

31/01/2019	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0048/2019	Summary
12/02/2019	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
13/02/2019	Final act signed		
13/02/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
22/02/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2018/0414(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 2011/0280(COD) Amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 2011/0282(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 042-p1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/8/15176

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2018)0817	07/12/2018	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0018/2019	18/01/2019	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0272/2019	23/01/2019	ESC	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0048/2019	31/01/2019	EP	Summary
Draft final act	00003/2019/LEX	13/02/2019	CSL	

Final act

[Regulation 2019/288](#)
[OJ L 053 22.02.2019, p. 0014](#) Summary

Direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020

PURPOSE: to ensure the continuity of support to European farmers in the years 2019 and 2020.

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: the Commission considers it necessary to make certain amendments to [Regulation \(EU\) No 1305/2013](#) (Rural Development Regulation) to ensure policy continuity in the final years of the programming period and to ensure a smooth transition to the next programming period.

In relation to direct payments, some of the provisions in [Regulation \(EU\) No 1307/2013](#) (Direct Payment Regulation) do not cover calendar year 2020 since expenditure relating to calendar year 2020 is made in financial year 2021, which is the first year of the new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027.

Those Member States would be faced with important changes in their direct payments and rural development envelopes with considerable effects on the payments to farmers under both pillars.

CONTENT: this proposal aims to ensure the continuity of support to European farmers in the years 2019 and 2020 by adapting two legislative acts of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP): rural development under Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 and direct payments under Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013.

As regards support for rural development under Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 (EAFRD), the proposal relates to financial years 2019 2021, whereas the proposed modifications for direct payments under Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 relate to calendar year 2020/financial year 2021

Rural development: the proposal makes it possible for the Member States to modify the degressivity schedule for payments to areas, which had received such payments in the previous programming period, while in the ongoing period, not being classified anymore as areas facing natural constraints other than mountain areas pursuant to the Rural Development Regulation. This modification would allow calculating transitional payments for the years 2019 and 2020 based on payment levels of the 2014-2020 period.

The proposal extends the use of the technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) to actions related to the preparation of the future CAP. The proposal concerns exclusively the scope of technical assistance without modifying the financial support.

Flexibility between pillars in year 2020 and transfer of the product of reduction of direct payments to Rural development: flexibility between pillars is an optional transfer of funds between direct payments and rural development. The proposal includes provisions regarding the possibility for Member States to transfer funds between pillars in calendar year 2020 (corresponding to financial year 2021). It calls for a transfer between pillars to remain possible in calendar year 2020 under the same conditions as currently standing and that the estimated product of reduction continues to be transferred from direct payments to rural development.

In order to promptly provide the necessary flexibility to the Member States and to ensure the continuity of the rural development policy in the final years of the 2014-2020 programming period, this Regulation should apply from 1 March 2019.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the proposal does not have any financial implications in terms of increased expenditure.

The effect of the proposed provisions giving Member States an option to transfer amounts between direct payments allocations in calendar year 2020/financial year 2021 and EAFRD in financial year 2021 as well as the transfer of the estimated product of reduction from direct payments in calendar year 2020 to EAFRD in financial year 2021 will depend on Member States implementation and can therefore not be quantified at present.

Such transfers will in any case remain neutral with regard to overall commitment appropriations in the way that any deductions from the direct payments allocations will be off-set by a corresponding increase in the EAFRD allocations and vice versa.

Direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the report by Adam SIEKIERSKI (EPP, PL) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards certain rules on direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure by endorsing the Commission's proposal.

The proposal aims to ensure continuity of support to European farmers in the 2019 and 2020 by adapting two legislative acts of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP): Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 on rural development and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 on direct payments. The aim is to ensure policy continuity in the final years of the programming period and to ensure a smooth transition to the next programming period.

Direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020

The European Parliament adopted by 605 votes to 36, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards certain rules on direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission's proposal.

The proposal aims to ensure continuity of support to European farmers in the 2019 and 2020 by adapting two legislative acts of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP): Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 on rural development and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 on direct payments. The aim is to ensure policy continuity in the final years of the programming period and to ensure a smooth transition to the next programming period.

Rural development

Taking into account the extension to 2019 of the deadline for the new delimitation of areas facing natural constraints other than mountain areas through Regulation (EU) 2017/2393 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the shorter adaptation period for farmers who

will no longer be eligible for payments, degressive transitional payments that only start in 2019 should start at no more than 80 % of the average payments fixed in the 2014-2020 programming period. The payment level should be established in such a way that the end-level in 2020 is half of the starting level.

The proposal specifies that it will be possible to finance activities relating to the preparation of the future CAP through technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

Flexibility between pillars is an optional transfer of funds between direct payments and rural development

The proposal includes provisions regarding the possibility for Member States to transfer funds between pillars in calendar year 2020 (corresponding to financial year 2021). It calls for a transfer between pillars to remain possible in calendar year 2020 under the same conditions as currently standing and that the estimated product of reduction continues to be transferred from direct payments to rural development.

In order to promptly provide the necessary flexibility to the Member States and to ensure the continuity of rural development policy in the final years of the 2014-2020 programming period, this Regulation should apply from 1 March 2019.

Direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020

PURPOSE: to ensure the continuity of support to European farmers in the years 2019 and 2020.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2019/288 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 as regards certain rules on direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020.

CONTENT: the Regulation aims to ensure the continuity of support to European farmers in the years 2019 and 2020 by adapting two legislative acts of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP): rural development under [Regulation \(EU\) No 1305/2013](#) and direct payments under [Regulation \(EU\) No 1307/2013](#).

As regards rural development, the Regulation provides for the possibility for Member States to modify the degressivity schedule for payments to areas which had received such payments in the previous programming period but which, in the current period, are no longer classified as areas facing natural constraints other than mountain areas in accordance with Article 31(5) of the Rural Development Regulation.

This amendment shall allow the calculation of transitional payments for the years 2019 and 2020 on the basis of payment levels for the period 2014-2020. It is foreseen that degressive payments shall start only in the year 2019, those payments shall start at no more than 80 % of the average payment fixed in the 2014-2020 programming period. The payment level shall be established in such a way that the end-level in 2020 is half of the starting level.

The Regulation also includes provisions regarding the possibility for Member States to transfer funds between pillars in calendar year 2020 (corresponding to financial year 2021). It calls for a transfer between pillars to remain possible in calendar year 2020 under the same conditions as currently standing and that the estimated product of reduction continues to be transferred from direct payments to rural development.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25.2.2019.

APPLICATION: from 1.3.2019.