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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Key events			
02/02/2021	Legislative proposal published	COM(2021)0037	Summary
08/02/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
12/10/2021	Vote in committee, 1st reading		

12/10/2021	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
14/10/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0285/2021	Summary
18/10/2021	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
20/10/2021	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71)		

Forecasts

03/10/2022	Indicative plenary sitting date
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/0020(COD)
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Committee dossier	AGRI/9/05254

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2021)0037	02/02/2021	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE689.690	21/05/2021	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE693.602	25/06/2021	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE693.601	25/06/2021	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0285/2021	14/10/2021	EP	Summary
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Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations	PE734.382	05/07/2022	EP	

Statistics on agricultural input and output

PURPOSE: to establish a framework for aggregated European statistics on the inputs and outputs of agricultural activities, as well as on the intermediate use of these products in agriculture, their collection and industrial processing.

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 EU needs information on agriculture that is as accurate as possible and that enables it to develop policies that benefit all EU citizens and to allocate the substantial CAP budget in the most efficient way across multiple dimensions.

The proposal is part of the strategy for agricultural statistics for 2020 and beyond, a major programme to modernise European Union agricultural statistics undertaken by the European Commission in close cooperation with the EU Member States. In particular, the strategy aims to streamline and improve the European agricultural statistics system (EASS).

European statistics on agricultural inputs and outputs are currently collected, produced and disseminated on the basis of a number of legal acts. The proposed regulation should replace those legal acts for the purposes of harmonisation and comparability of information, and to ensure consistency and coordination across European agricultural statistics, facilitate the integration and streamlining of the corresponding statistical processes, and enable a more holistic approach.

The collection of statistical data, in particular on agricultural input and output, should aim, among other things, to inform the decision-making process with updated data to support the European Green Deal with the related farm to fork and biodiversity strategies and future CAP reforms.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: the impact assessment concluded that the EASS should, as the preferred option, be covered by three regulations: two framework regulations concerning respectively Integrated Farm Statistics (IFS) and Statistics on Agricultural Input and Output (SAIO), as well as a revision of the Regulation on Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA).

CONTENT: the objective of the present proposal on statistics on agricultural input and output (SAIO) is to improve the quality, comparability and coherence of European agricultural statistics so that policymakers, businesses and the general public are able to take appropriate evidence-based decisions.

The proposed regulation requires Member States to provide statistics on four domains and twelve related themes. It covers agricultural production (crops and livestock), including organic farming, agricultural prices, nutrients and plant protection products.

To this end, the proposal:

- contains articles related on subject matter, definitions, statistical population and observation units, coverage, data transmission frequency, data sources and methods, reference periods, quality specifications, and potential financial contributions;

- provides the possibility of introducing specific ad hoc subjects related to agricultural input and output that supplement the data collected on a regular basis.

The detailed data sets will be specified in implementing acts (regulations).

BUDGETARY IMPACT: the financial impact of the proposal is of unlimited duration. The proposal does not include funding regular data collections, but it provides for Union co-funding of ad hoc data collections, the timing of which is not known.

The first ad hoc data collections should be expected at the earliest two years after the planned regulation enters into force. Once such ad-hoc data collections are required, the costs involved should be evaluated and further detailed along the drafting of the delegated and implementing acts and in any case should be covered by the appropriations allocated to the financial envelopes of relevant programmes included in the EU budget.

Statistics on agricultural input and output

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted a report by Petros KOKKALIS (The Left, EL) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistics on agricultural input and output and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1165/2008, (EC) No 543/2009, (EC) No 1185/2009 and Council Directive 96/16/EC.

As a reminder, European statistics on agricultural inputs and outputs are currently collected, produced and disseminated on the basis of a number of legal acts. This structure does not provide proper consistency across the individual statistical domains, nor does it promote an integrated approach towards the development, production and dissemination of agricultural statistics designed to cover the economic, social and environmental facets of agriculture.

The proposed Regulation should replace those legal acts for the purposes of harmonisation and comparability of information, and to ensure consistency and coordination across European agricultural statistics, facilitate the integration and streamlining of the corresponding statistical processes, and enable a more holistic approach.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

Subject matter

Members proposed that the Regulation should seek to establish an integrated framework for aggregated European statistics related to the inputs and outputs of agricultural activities, as well as the intermediate use of such output within agriculture and its collection and industrial processing.

Collection of data

The data needed to compile statistics should be collected in a manner with the least costs and administrative burden on respondents, including farmers, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and Member States. It is therefore necessary to maximise the use of existing data sources, increase synergies and efficiency between existing data sources and optimise the data collection methods used. Where possible owners of sources of the required data could be identified, it should be ensured that data can be used for statistics in full compliance with the private rights of the identifiable individuals and data ownership specified in implementing acts.

The report stressed that the collection of the detailed data sets should not impose significant additional costs resulting in a disproportionate and unjustified burden on agricultural holdings and on Member States.

In addition, an operational and transparent system for the regular collection of statistical data on pesticide use and other chemicals inputs relied on in agriculture should be established.

Publication of data

The data collected on the topics such as crop areas, statistics on nutrients, pesticides, veterinary medicinal products and antibiotics in animal feed, biocidal products, should be actively disseminated by the Commission (Eurostat) via internet, free of charge, at the following level of detail:

(i) per active substance; (ii) per plant protection, biocidal, veterinary medicinal and fertiliser product; (iii) per crop and animal species; (iv) per year.

Regular data requirements

Members proposed an amendment which would improve available statistics and market transparency on fertilizer prices.

Ad hoc data requirements

Given that Member States need sufficient time to allocate resources to begin a new ad hoc data collection, Members proposed that there should be a minimum of five years between each ad hoc data collection.

Review

The Commission should review this Regulation 30 months after the date of its entry into force. During the first review, the Commission should assess in particular whether and why there are data gaps and deficiencies in the data collected limiting the ability of public authorities to assess progress towards sustainable agriculture, including data relating to the use of plant protection, biocidal and veterinary medicinal products.

Transparency				
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