





# Procedure file

| Basic information  |                                |   |
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| DEA - Delegated acts procedure   | <a href="#">2024/2663(DEA)</a> | Procedure completed - delegated act enters into force |
| Rules on the ratio for the good agricultural and environmental condition (GAEC) standard 1 |                                |   |
| Subject  |                                |   |
| 3.10 Agricultural policy and economies   |                                |   |
| 3.10.01.02 Rural development, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)     |                                |   |
| 3.10.13 European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, EAGGF and EAGF                  |                                |   |

| Key players         |  |   |            |
|---------------------|--|---|------------|
| European Parliament | Committee responsible  | Rapporteur  | Appointed  |
|                     |  <a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>                                      |  <a href="#">LINS Norbert</a> | 14/03/2024 |
|                     | Committee for opinion  | Rapporteur for opinion  | Appointed  |
|                     |  <a href="#">Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</a><br>(Associated committee) | The committee decided not to give an opinion.   |            |

| Key events |   |   |  |
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| 12/03/2024 | Non-legislative basic document published                  | <a href="#">C(2024)01488</a>  |  |
| 12/03/2024 | Initial period for examining delegated act<br>2 month(s)  |   |  |
| 10/04/2024 | Committee referral announced in Parliament                |   |  |
| 10/04/2024 | Referral to associated committees announced in Parliament |   |  |
| 23/04/2024 | Results of vote in Parliament                             |  |  |
| 23/04/2024 | Decision by Parliament                                    |   |  |

| Technical information |                                |
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| Procedure reference   | 2024/2663(DEA)                 |
| Procedure type        | DEA - Delegated acts procedure |
| Procedure subtype     | Examination of delegated act   |

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| Legal basis                | Rules of Procedure EP 0114-p6; Rules of Procedure EP 114-p03 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed - delegated act enters into force        |
| Committee dossier          | AGRI/9/15054   |

## Documentation gateway

|   |                              |            |    |         |
|---|------------------------------|------------|----|---------|
| Non-legislative basic document                          | <a href="#">C(2024)01488</a> | 12/03/2024 | EC |         |
| Recommendation for early non-objection of delegated act | <a href="#">B9-0199/2024</a> | 25/03/2024 | EP |         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading              | <a href="#">T9-0290/2024</a> | 23/04/2024 | EP | Summary |

## Rules on the ratio for the good agricultural and environmental condition (GAEC) standard 1

The European Parliament decided to raise no objections to the Commission delegated regulation of 12 March 2024 amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/126 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the rules on the ratio for the good agricultural and environmental condition (GAEC) standard 1.

Since 1 January 2023, Member States are implementing their CAP Strategic Plans including the obligation to maintain a ratio of permanent grassland compared to agricultural area as set out as a part of Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition of Land (GAEC) Standard 1 (GAEC 1) in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

Experience since the start of the implementation of GAEC 1 shows that these rules need to be amended to avoid putting a disproportionate burden on farmers where structural changes to Member States farming systems caused by market reorientation, such as a shift from livestock production to arable land farming and a reduction in livestock production, substantially impact the ability of farmers to establish permanent grasslands while maintaining their viability.

In certain situations, Member States may have to impose obligations on beneficiaries to reconvert areas into permanent grassland or establish areas of permanent grassland, even though the decreases in the annual ratio are due to fluctuations in the declared areas.

In some circumstances, areas of permanent grassland may be registered in the Land Parcel Identification System but not declared for direct payments by farmers in a given year, or the total agricultural area may increase due to additional declarations by farmers.

In such situations where the decrease of the annual ratio beyond the 5 % threshold set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 does not result from the conversion of areas of permanent grassland into other agricultural uses, it could be disproportionate to impose on farmers obligations to establish additional areas of permanent grassland.

It is appropriate to allow for a certain degree of flexibility while ensuring compliance with the main objective of GAEC 1 to have a general safeguard against conversion to other agricultural uses to preserve carbon stock and with the maximum decrease of the ratio set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/126(2), which lays down rules on the ratio for GAEC 1, should therefore be amended.

Parliament declared that it has no objections to the delegated regulation.