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## AMENDMENTS 001-087

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### Report

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**A9-0285/2021**

Statistics on agricultural input and output

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2021)0037 – C9-0009/2021 – 2021/0020(COD))

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### Amendment 1

#### Proposal for a regulation

##### Recital 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) A statistical knowledge base is necessary to design, implement, monitor, evaluate and review policies related to agriculture in the Union, in particular the common agricultural policy ('CAP'), including rural development measures, as well as Union policies relating to, among other things, the environment, climate change, land use, regions, public health and the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

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(1) A ***transparent, comprehensive and reliable*** statistical knowledge base is necessary to design, implement, monitor, evaluate and review policies related to agriculture in the Union, in particular the common agricultural policy ('CAP'), including rural development measures, as well as Union policies relating to, among other things, the environment, climate change ***adaptation and mitigation***, land use, regions, public health, ***food safety, plant protection, sustainable use of pesticides, veterinary medicinal usage, animal health and animal welfare*** and the sustainable development goals of the United Nations. ***Those statistics can also be useful to monitor and assess the impact of agriculture on pollinators and the vital soil organisms.***

## Amendment 2

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) 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.

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(2) The collection of statistical data, in particular on agricultural input and output, should aim, among other things, to inform **an evidence-based** decision-making process with updated, **high-quality and accessible** data, **in particular data necessary for the development of agro-environmental indicators, to assess the impact of the European Green Deal and to support and evaluate progress of** the European Green Deal with the related ‘farm to fork’ and ‘biodiversity’ strategies, **the 'zero pollution' and 'organic production' action plans** and future CAP reforms. **A key element for the achievement of the European Green Deal objectives is the transition towards multifunctional agriculture capable of producing safe and sufficient food while providing positive environmental outputs. 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.**

## Amendment 3

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) High quality harmonised statistical data are important to assess the state and trends of agricultural input and output in the Union, the functioning of markets, and food security and to assess the sustainability as well as the environmental, economic and social impacts of Union and national policies. Those data include, but

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(3) High quality harmonised, **coherent and comparable** statistical data are important to assess the state and trends of agricultural input and output in the Union **in order to provide meaningful and precise data on the environmental, economic and social impact from agriculture and on the pace of the**

are not limited to, livestock and meat statistics, the production and use of eggs, and the production and use of milk and milk products. Statistics on the area, yield and production of arable crops, vegetables, various permanent crops and grasslands and commodity balances are also important. **Increasingly**, statistics on the sales and use of plant protection products **and** fertilisers are needed.

***transition to more sustainable agricultural practices. The data collected should also reflect on the functioning of markets, and food security, so as to ensure access to sufficient and high-quality food, and to assess the sustainability as well as the environmental, economic and social impacts and performance of Union and national policies, as well as to assess the sustainability and impact of new business models development.*** Those data include, but are not limited to, livestock and meat statistics, the production and use of eggs, and the production and use of milk and milk products. Statistics on the area, yield and production of arable crops, vegetables, various permanent crops and **permanent** grasslands and commodity balances **and fodder** are also important. **Moreover**, statistics on the sales and use of plant protection products, **biocidal products**, fertilisers, **veterinary medicinal products for animals and antibiotics in feeding stuffs** are needed **with improved data collection methods and better coherence with sector-specific legislation, ensuring food safety and thus preventing serious threats to animal and human health.**

#### Amendment 4

##### Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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***(3a) It is important to obtain harmonised statistical data on input per unit of food produced.***

#### Amendment 5

##### Proposal for a regulation Recital 5 a (new)

***(5a) To ensure the availability and uptake of secure, energy-efficient, affordable and high-quality data, the Union should promote investments in standards, tools, cloud infrastructure and services, as well as in digital competences for handling data in rural and remote areas.***

## **Amendment 6**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) 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. This 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. It is therefore necessary to repeal Regulations (EC) No 1165/2008 <sup>(15)</sup>, (EC) No 543/2009 <sup>(16)</sup> and (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(17)</sup>, and Council Directive 96/16/EC <sup>(18)</sup>. The numerous related European Statistical System (ESS) agreements and gentlemen's agreements on data transmission should be integrated into this Regulation where there has been evidence that the data fulfil user needs, that the agreed methodology works and that the data are of appropriate quality.

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<sup>15</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1165/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 concerning livestock and meat statistics and repealing Council Directives 93/23/EEC, 93/24/EEC and 93/25/EEC (OJ L 321, 1.12.2008, p. 1).

<sup>16</sup> Regulation (EC) No 543/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 concerning crop statistics and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 837/90 and (EEC) No 959/93 (OJ L 167, 29.6.2009, p. 1).

<sup>17</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 concerning statistics on pesticides (OJ L 324, 10.12.2009, p. 1).

<sup>18</sup> Council Directive 96/16/EC of 19 March 1996 on statistical surveys of milk and milk products (OJ L 78, 28.3.1996, p. 27).

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## Amendment 7

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 9

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) A large part of the European agricultural area consists of grasslands. The production of those areas was not considered to be important in the past, so no production data have been included in crop statistics. As the impact of grasslands and ruminants on the environment has become more important due to climate change, statistics on grassland **production** and animal grazing are needed.

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## Amendment 8

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 9 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(9a) For the purposes of statistics, the feasibility of maximising the use of pre-existing data collected under CAP obligations, without creating new obligations and administrative burden, should be assessed.***

**Amendment 9**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 12**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(12) Data regarding the placing on the market and use of ***pesticides*** to be submitted pursuant to Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(21)</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(22)</sup> should be used in accordance with the relevant provisions of that Directive and of that Regulation for the purposes of the requirements of this Regulation.

(12) Data regarding the placing on the market and use of ***plant protection products*** to be submitted pursuant to Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(21)</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(22)</sup> should be used in accordance with the relevant provisions of that Directive and of that Regulation for the purposes of the requirements of this Regulation. ***Data regarding the placing on the market and use of biocidal products to be provided pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2a</sup> should be used in accordance with the relevant provisions of that Regulation for the purposes of this Regulation. Statistics on the placing on the market and use of pesticides should be publicly available and as detailed as possible, including to the level of active substance and crop, to allow a meaningful assessment of trends regarding the use of pesticides and overall associated risks, as well as the upgrade of harmonised risk indicators under Directive 2009/128/EC.***

<sup>21</sup> Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 71).

<sup>22</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC (OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1).

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<sup>22a</sup> ***Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products (OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1).***

## Amendment 10

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 13

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(13) Comparable statistics from all Member States on agricultural input and output are important to determine the development of the CAP. Standard classifications and common definitions should therefore be used insofar as possible for variables.

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(13) Comparable statistics from all Member States on agricultural input and output are important to determine the development of the CAP ***and to monitor CAP implementation through the national Strategic Plans in view of CAP's contribution to the European Green Deal targets.*** Standard classifications and common definitions ***and cohesive information*** should therefore be used insofar as possible for variables.

## Amendment 11

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 13 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(13a) The coherence, comparability and interoperability of the data and the uniformity of the reporting formats are prerequisites for the preparation of Union agricultural statistics, in particular as regards the efficiency of the collection, processing and dissemination procedures and the quality of the results.***

## **Amendment 12**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 14**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(14) The data needed to compile statistics should, ***where possible***, be collected in a manner with the least costs and administrative burden. It is therefore necessary to ***identify*** possible owners of sources of the required data ***and ensure that these*** can be used for statistics.

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## **Amendment 13**

### **Proposal for a regulation Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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#### *Justification*

*The need to maintain a flexible approach to data collection in view of new policy developments and emerging data needs, shall not come at the expense of guaranteeing legal certainty and predictability to data respondents and data producers (farmers, administrative bodies, wholesale entities, intermediates, etc.). In this regard, the Annex shall be considered as an essential part of this regulation and changes to the domains, topics and detailed topics of the annex shall undergo the ordinary legislative procedure.*

#### **Amendment 14**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Recital 16**

###### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(16) Organic production is becoming increasingly important as an indicator of sustainable agricultural production systems. It is therefore necessary to ensure that available statistics on organic farming are consistent with other agricultural production statistics by integrating those in the datasets. Those organic production statistics should also be coherent with and use the administrative information produced under Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(23)</sup>.

###### *Amendment*

(16) Organic production is becoming increasingly important as an indicator of sustainable agricultural production systems. ***Statistical data on organic production are essential to monitor progress of the action plan for the development of organic production in the Union.*** It is therefore necessary to ensure that available statistics on organic farming are consistent with other agricultural production statistics by integrating those in the datasets. Those organic production statistics should also be coherent with and use the administrative information produced under Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(23)</sup>.

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30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 1).

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## Amendment 15

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 16 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(16a) The ‘One Health’ approach, endorsed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), recognises that human health, animal health and ecosystems are interconnected and it is therefore essential for both animal and human health to ensure prudent use of veterinary antimicrobial medicinal products in food-producing animals.***

## Amendment 16

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 16 b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(16b) To ensure the highest level of public health, animal health and environmental protection and to contribute to the Union goals to mitigate, inter alia, the risk of development of antimicrobial resistance in humans and animals, statistics on the sales and use of veterinary antimicrobial medicinal products for food-producing animals should be provided in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1a</sup>.***

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<sup>1a</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council

*of 11 December 2018 on veterinary medicinal products and repealing Directive 2001/82/EC (OJ L 4, 7.1.2019, p. 43).*

## Amendment 17

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 18

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(18) It should be possible to collect data on ad-hoc subjects related to agricultural input and output at a specific time in order to supplement the data collected on a regular basis with complementary data on subjects that require more information, emerging phenomena or innovations.

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(18) It should be possible to collect data on ad-hoc subjects related to agricultural input and output at a specific time in order to supplement the data collected on a regular basis with complementary data on subjects that require more information, emerging phenomena or innovations.  
***However, in order to ensure transparency and legal certainty and to minimise administrative burden on respondents and Member States, the collection of ad-hoc data should be done as an exception, after a thorough feasibility study has been carried out on the need for producing new statistics and the stakeholders have been consulted. National authorities should have access to financial support from the Union to cover implementation costs related to the ad-hoc data collection.***

#### *Justification*

*Ad-hoc data collection is likely to impose additional production costs on Member States authorities and response burden on the agricultural sector. In this regard, future needs for developing and producing new statistics for this regulation, which underpin the European Green Deal and its related strategies, shall be the result of a feasibility study and a stakeholder consultation and shall be supported with financial contribution from the European Union.*

## Amendment 18

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(19) In order to decrease the administrative burden on Member States, exemptions from certain regular transmissions of data should be allowed if Member States' contributions to the *EU* total for these data are low.

*Amendment*

(19) In order to decrease the administrative burden on Member States, exemptions from certain regular transmissions of data should be allowed if Member States' contributions to the *Union* total for these data are low ***and if the variables have a low prevalence in the Member States concerned.***

**Amendment 19**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 20**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(20) In order to improve the efficiency of the statistical production processes of the ESS and to reduce the administrative burden on respondents, national statistical institutes ('NSIs') and other national authorities should have the right to access and use, promptly and free of charge, any administrative data that are gathered for public purposes, irrespective of whether they are held by public or private bodies. NSIs and other national authorities should also be able to integrate those administrative data with statistics, to the extent that such data are necessary for developing, producing and disseminating European agricultural statistics, in accordance with Article 17a of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009.

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*necessary for the relevant analyses to be carried out.*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).*

## Amendment 20

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 21

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(21) Member States or responsible national authorities should endeavour to modernise data collection modes insofar as possible. The use of digital solutions should be promoted.

*Amendment*

(21) Member States or responsible national authorities should endeavour to modernise data collection modes insofar as possible *by harnessing funding from technical assistance instruments*. The use of digital solutions *and land monitoring tools, such as the Union's Earth observation programme Copernicus and remote sensors* should be promoted. *Since broadband infrastructure covers approximately 50 % of rural and remote areas, it is important to incentivise the development of very high-capacity broadband connectivity infrastructure, including 5G, especially in less economically sustainable areas, such as rural mountainous and remote areas with a low population density, in order to make use of online surveys, satellite information, and machine-generated and big data. Agricultural data is increasingly generated through digital farming practices, where the farmer remains the main data provider, responsible for the collection, processing and management of agricultural data. A good basis for improving transparency, responsibility*

*and trust when farmers share machine-generated data should be ensured via voluntary guidelines or regulation. The national plans of the Recovery and Resilience Facility include measures that could contribute to the digital transition or to addressing the challenges arising from it.*

## Amendment 21

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 22 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(22a) In order to reduce the administrative burden on farms, consideration should preferably be given to the use of available records rather than statistical surveys when it comes to deciding which datasets and variables to request.*

## Amendment 22

### Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(25) An impact assessment *has been* carried out in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, in order to focus the statistical programme established by this Regulation on the need for effectiveness in achieving the objectives and in order to incorporate budgetary constraints.

(25) An impact assessment *on the Strategy for Agricultural Statistics for 2020 and beyond was* carried out *in 2016* in accordance with the principle of sound financial management in order to focus the statistical programme established by this Regulation on the need for effectiveness in achieving the objectives and in order to incorporate budgetary constraints. *Given the latest policy developments, stemming from the CAP new delivery model and the European Green Deal together with the underlying Farm to Fork and biodiversity strategies, that impact assessment should be updated accordingly to better reflect new data needs.*

## Justification

COMAGRI has invited the Commission to complement the 2016 impact assessment on the "Strategy for Agricultural Statistics for 2020 and beyond" in order to take into account the latest developments, related to CAP reform and Farm to Fork strategy on-going process. CAP new delivery model entails monitoring and evaluation based on indicators in order to check the performance of Member States in light of achieving pre-defined objectives. It is thus crucial that the indicators are rendered operational by the collection of corresponding data. The update of the impact assessment would bring more clarity on the new data needs, coming from the recent policy developments, especially in regards to collection of agri-environmental statistics. Respectively, this could minimize the need for ad-hoc data, which bears the risk of additional administrative burden on data respondents and data producers.

### Amendment 23

#### Proposal for a regulation Recital 27

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(27) In order to take into account emerging data needs mainly stemming from new developments in agriculture, from revised legislation and from changing policy priorities, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in **order to amend** the detailed topics listed in this Regulation and **to establish** the topics and detailed topics to be provided and other practical arrangements for the collection of ad hoc data as laid down in this Regulation. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during the preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations are conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the **Inter-institutional** Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making<sup>25</sup>. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member **State** experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the

##### *Amendment*

(27) In order to take into account emerging data needs mainly stemming from new developments in agriculture, from revised legislation and from changing policy priorities, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in **respect of amending** the detailed topics listed in this Regulation and **establishing** the topics and detailed topics to be provided and other practical arrangements for the collection of ad hoc data as laid down in this Regulation. **When adopting such delegated acts, the Commission should take into account aspects, such as cost and administrative burdens on agricultural holdings and Member States.** It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during the preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations are conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the **Interinstitutional** Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making<sup>25</sup>. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the

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European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member *States'* experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts. *Those delegated acts should under no circumstances lead to an increased administrative burden or costs for agricultural holdings and Member States. In order to minimise the administrative burden, new information requirements should be avoided as far as possible and be subject to the 'one-in, one-out' principle for better legislation.*

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<sup>25</sup> OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.

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#### Amendment 24

##### Proposal for a regulation Recital 27 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(27a) For new variables, a feasibility study should be carried out under the direction of Eurostat in cooperation with the competent national statistical institutes.*

#### Amendment 25

##### Proposal for a regulation Recital 28

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(28) In order to ensure uniform conditions for *this Regulation's* implementation, *the Commission should be given* implementing powers *to specify* the datasets linked to the topics and detailed topics listed in the Annex and the technical elements of the data to be provided, to establish the lists and descriptions of the variables and other practical arrangements for the collection of ad hoc data, and to set

(28) In order to ensure uniform conditions for *the* implementation *of this Regulation*, implementing powers *should be conferred on the Commission with a view to specifying* the datasets linked to the topics and detailed topics listed in the Annex and the technical elements of the data to be provided, to establish the lists and descriptions of the variables and other practical arrangements for the collection of



out the practical arrangements for and contents of the quality reports. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(26)</sup> ).

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<sup>26</sup> Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13.).

## Amendment 26

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 31

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

(31) This Regulation should apply without prejudice to **both** Directive 2003/4/EC <sup>(27)</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 <sup>(28)</sup> ).

ad hoc data, and to set out the practical arrangements for and contents of the quality reports. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(26)</sup> . ***When exercising those powers, the Commission should take into account aspects such as cost and administrative burdens on agricultural holdings and Member States.***

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##### *Amendment*

(31) This Regulation should apply without prejudice to **Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(26a)</sup>**, Directive 2003/4/EC **of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(27)</sup>** and Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 **of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(28)</sup>**. ***The Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters calls for provisions on the collection, public access and dissemination of environmental information either following a request or by active dissemination by the authorities covered by the Convention. To ensure consistency with the Aarhus Convention, this Regulation should specify the level of detail to which the data collected is to be***

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<sup>27</sup> Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC (OJ L 41, 14.2.2003, p. 26).

<sup>28</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies (OJ L 264, 25.9.2006, p. 13).

## **Amendment 27**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1**

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

This Regulation establishes *a* 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.

## **Amendment 28**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1**

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<sup>26a</sup> **Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).**

<sup>27</sup> Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC (OJ L 41, 14.2.2003, p. 26).

<sup>28</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies (OJ L 264, 25.9.2006, p. 13).

#### *Amendment*

This Regulation establishes *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.

*Text proposed by the Commission*

For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions of ‘agricultural **activity**’, ‘**utilised agricultural area**’, ‘**livestock unit**’, ‘**agricultural holding**’ and ‘common land agricultural unit’, as laid down in **Article 2, points (a), (b), (d), and (e)** of Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 shall apply.

*Amendment*

For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions of ‘agricultural holding’, ‘common land agricultural unit’, ‘**livestock unit**’ and ‘**utilised agricultural area**’, as laid down in **points (a), (b), (d) and (e) of Article 2** of Regulation (EU) 2018/1091, **respectively**, shall apply.

## **Amendment 29**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3a) ‘fertiliser’ means an EU fertilising product the function of which is to provide nutrients to plants or mushrooms, complying with the requirements set out in Annex I, Part II, of Regulation (EC) 2019/1009;**

## **Amendment 30**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 3 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(3b) ‘inorganic fertiliser’ means a fertiliser containing or releasing nutrients in a mineral form, other than an organic or organo-mineral form, complying with the requirements set out in Annex I, Part II, of Regulation (EC) 2019/1009;**

## **Amendment 31**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 8 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(8a) ‘plant protection products’ means plant protection products within the meaning of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009;**

## **Amendment 32**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 8 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(8b) ‘biocidal product’ means biocidal product as defined in Article 3(1), point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012;**

## **Amendment 33**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 8 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(8c) ‘veterinary medicinal product’ means a veterinary medicinal product as defined in Article 4, point (1), of Regulation (EU) 2019/6;**

## **Amendment 34**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 8 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(8d) ‘antimicrobial’ means any substance with a direct action on micro-organisms used for treatment or prevention of infections or infectious diseases, including antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals and anti-protozoals, as defined in Article 4, point (12), of Regulation (EU) 2019/6;**

## Amendment 35

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 8 e (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(8e) ‘pesticide’ means a plant protection product or a biocidal product;***

## Amendment 36

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 8 f (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(8f) ‘food-producing animals’ means food-producing animals as defined in Article 2, point (b), of Regulation (EC) No 470/2009;***

## Amendment 37

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 15 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(15a) ‘crop balance’ means the supply and use of the main cereals and oil seeds in a reference area during a reference period;***

## Amendment 38

### Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 15 b (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(15b) ‘gross nutrient balance’ means the balance between inputs (consumption of fertilisers; gross input of manure, and other inputs) and outputs (removal of***

*nutrients with the harvest of crops;  
removal of nutrients through the harvest  
and grazing of fodder, and crop residues  
removed from the field) of nutrients to the  
agricultural soil;*

#### **Amendment 39**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 15 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(15c) ‘fertiliser’ means fertiliser as  
defined in Article 2, point (a), of  
Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003;*

#### **Amendment 40**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 15 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(15d) ‘agricultural activity’ means: (i)  
production, rearing or growing of  
agricultural products, including  
harvesting, milking, breeding animals,  
and keeping animals for farming  
purposes; (ii) maintaining an agricultural  
area in a state which makes it suitable for  
grazing or cultivation without preparatory  
action going beyond usual agricultural  
methods and machineries, based on  
criteria established by Member States on  
the basis of a framework established by  
the Commission; or (iii) carrying out a  
minimum activity, defined by Member  
States, on agricultural areas naturally  
kept in a state suitable for grazing or  
cultivation;*

#### **Amendment 41**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point 15 e (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(15e) 'inorganic fertiliser' means inorganic fertiliser as defined in Article 2, point (e), of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003.***

## **Amendment 42**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. For the topic of plant protection products as referred to in Article 5(1), point (d)(iii), the data shall cover the plant protection products placed on the market as defined in Article 3, point 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.

4. For the topic of plant protection products as referred to in Article 5(1), point (d)(iii), the data shall cover the plant protection products placed on the market as defined in Article 3, point 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 ***and use by professional users as referred to in Article 67 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.***

## **Amendment 43**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***4a. For the topic of veterinary medicinal products as referred to in Article 5(1), point (d)(iiib), the data shall cover products placed on the market, including antimicrobial substances within the meaning of Article 4, points (2) and (12), of Regulation (EU) 2019/6, for use in food-producing animals.***

## **Amendment 44**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

5. The Commission may adopt implementing acts further specifying the coverage requirements referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 15(2).

5. The Commission may adopt implementing acts further specifying the coverage requirements referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 15(2), ***and they shall not impose a significant additional burden or costs on farmers or on Member States.***

#### **Amendment 45**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b – point -i (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(-i) crop area***

#### **Amendment 46**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(d) statistics on nutrients ***and plant protection*** products

(d) statistics on nutrients, ***pesticides, veterinary medicinal products and antibiotics in animal feed***

#### **Amendment 47**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iii a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(iiia) biocidal products***

#### **Amendment 48**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iii b (new)**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(iib) veterinary medicinal products  
intended for food-producing animals***

#### **Amendment 49**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point d – point iii c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(iic) antibiotics in animal feed***

#### **Amendment 50**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – paragraph 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**8. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 14 amending the detailed topics set out in the Annex.**

***deleted***

#### **Amendment 51**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 5 – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

9. The Commission may adopt ***implementing*** acts to define the data sets to be transmitted to the Commission (Eurostat). Those ***implementing*** acts shall specify the following technical elements of the data to be provided, where appropriate:

9. The Commission may adopt ***delegated*** acts ***in accordance with Article 14*** to define the data sets to be transmitted to the Commission (Eurostat). Those ***delegated*** acts shall specify the following technical elements of the data to be provided, where appropriate:

#### **Amendment 52**

##### **Proposal for a regulation**

## Article 5 – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 1 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(c) the variables on organic production and products;** **deleted**

*Justification*

*Information on organic production and products should be set on this regulation.*

## Amendment 53

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 1 – point c a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**(ca) a list of reference fertilizers for which prices have to be collected;**

*Justification*

*The amendment aims to improve available statistics and market transparency on fertilizer prices.*

## Amendment 54

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Those **implementing** acts shall be adopted **in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 15(2)** not later than **9 months before the beginning of the reference year.**

Those **delegated** acts shall be adopted not later than ... **[six months following the entry into force of this Regulation].**

## Amendment 55

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 5 – paragraph 9 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Those delegated acts shall not impose significant additional administrative burden or costs on agricultural holdings and Member States. The list of variables and methodological rules selected shall take into account the availability of administrative data in order to minimise the need for statistical surveys.*

## **Amendment 56**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 5 – paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**9a.** *The list of variables referred to in paragraph 9, point (a), shall not lead to an increase in the current total number of variables, the flexibility margin being 1 %.*

## **Amendment 57**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 5 – paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**9b.** *Regarding new statistical information obligations, a feasibility study shall be conducted by Eurostat in cooperation with the competent national statistical institutes, together with an assessment of the resulting administrative burdens before deciding on the actions referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9.*

## **Amendment 58**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 6 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts referred to in

2. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts referred to in

paragraph 1 starting with the reference year [insert 2 years after entering into force of **the regulation**] and with a minimum of 2 years between each ad hoc data collection.

paragraph 1 starting with the reference year ... [insert 2 years after entering into force of **this Regulation**] and with a minimum of **five** years between each ad hoc data collection.

#### *Justification*

*Member States need sufficient time to allocate resources to begin a new ad hoc data collection.*

### **Amendment 59**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. The Commission **may** adopt **implementing** acts to provide:

*Amendment*

3. The Commission **shall** adopt **delegated** acts **in accordance with Article 14** to provide:

### **Amendment 60**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Those **implementing** acts shall be adopted **in accordance with the examination procedure** referred to in **Article 15 not later than 12 months before the beginning of the reference year**.

*Amendment*

Those **delegated** acts shall be adopted **no later than six months following the adoption of the delegated act** referred to in **paragraph 1**.

### **Amendment 61**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

##### **Article 6 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3a. When exercising its power to adopt delegated acts pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 3, the Commission shall ensure that**

*the following conditions are fulfilled:*

*(a) the delegated acts aim to achieve cost and burden neutrality or reduction and do not, in any case, impose a significant additional cost or burden on the Member States or on the respondents;*

*(b) the delegated acts are adopted at least 12 months before the start of the reference period of the data.*

## **Amendment 62**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***3b. When adopting delegated acts referred to in this Article, the Commission shall undertake impact assessments of its delegated acts which are expected to have significant economic, environmental or social impacts. It shall first assess whether new statistics can be based on existing data from relevant administrative sources at Union level, and, where data are not yet available, it shall assess the feasibility of new data collection, taking into account appropriate sources and collection methods, statistical quality, and administrative burden on respondents and national statistical institutes. Those delegated acts shall not impose an unjustified burden on Member States or respondents.***

## **Amendment 63**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. A Member State may be exempted from certain regular transmissions of the data where the impact of the Member State

2. A Member State may be exempted from certain regular transmissions of the data where the impact of the Member State

on the EU total of a variable is limited. The Commission may adopt implementing acts defining thresholds for variables according to specific methodology in such a way that the application of those thresholds does not reduce the information on the expected EU total of the variable in the reference year by more than 5%. The thresholds shall be revised so that they correspond to the trends of EU totals, initiated by the Commission (Eurostat).

on the EU total of a variable is limited. ***Such exemption shall not apply to the data collected in accordance with Article 5(1), point (d).*** The Commission may adopt implementing acts defining thresholds for variables according to specific methodology in such a way that the application of those thresholds does not reduce the information on the expected EU total of the variable in the reference year by more than 5%. The thresholds shall be revised so that they correspond to the trends of EU totals, initiated by the Commission (Eurostat).

## Amendment 64

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1 – point c

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(c) other sources, methods or innovative approaches.

*Amendment*

(c) other sources, methods or innovative approaches, ***such as digital tools and remote sensors.***

## Amendment 65

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. Member States may use any information from the integrated administration and control system ('IACS') established by Regulation (EU) ***No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council*** <sup>(29)</sup>, the system for the identification and registration of bovine animals established by Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(30)</sup> and the system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals established by Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 <sup>(31)</sup>, the vineyard register implemented in

*Amendment*

2. Member States may use any information from the integrated administration and control system ('IACS') established by Regulation (EU) ***2021/... of the European Parliament and of the Council [on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013]***, the system for the identification and registration of bovine animals established by Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(30)</sup> and the system for the identification and

accordance with Article 145 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(32)</sup>, and the organic farming registers set up pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

registration of ovine and caprine animals established by Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 <sup>(31)</sup>, the vineyard register implemented in accordance with Article 145 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(32)</sup>, and the organic farming registers set up pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

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***<sup>29</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608).***

<sup>30</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2000 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97 (OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1).

<sup>31</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 of 17 December 2003 establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals and amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Directives 92/102/EEC and 64/432/EEC (OJ L 5, 9.1.2004, p. 8).

<sup>32</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

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<sup>30</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2000 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97 (OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1).

<sup>31</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 of 17 December 2003 establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals and amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 and Directives 92/102/EEC and 64/432/EEC (OJ L 5, 9.1.2004, p. 8).

<sup>32</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

## **Amendment 66**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3a. The statistics on biocidal products, as referred to in Article 5(1), point (d)(iii), of this Regulation, shall be provided using the records kept by authorisation holders and made available to the competent authorities in accordance with Article 68 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.**

## **Amendment 67**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3b. The statistics on the sales and use of veterinary antimicrobial medicinal products intended for food-producing animals referred to in Article 5(1), point (d)(ii), of this Regulation shall be provided using, as the minimum, the data collected by Member States in accordance with Article 57 of Regulation (EU) 2019/6, and the records kept in accordance with Articles 96 and 108 of that Regulation.**

## **Amendment 68**

### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Article 8 – paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**3c. The statistics on biocidal products as referred to in Article 5(1), point (d)(iii), shall be provided using, as the minimum, the records kept in accordance with Article 68 of Regulation (EU) No**



*528/2012, as well as with Article 5 and Annex I, Part A, point II(2)(a), of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005.*

## Amendment 69

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. For *that purpose*, the Member States shall request from professional users of plant protection products, in electronic format, records covering at least the *name* of the plant protection product, the dose of application, the *main area and the crop* where the plant protection product was used *in accordance with this Regulation*.

*Amendment*

4. For *those purposes*, the Member States shall request from professional users of plant protection products *and biocidal products*, in electronic format, *where applicable*, records covering, *per types of crops and species of animals*, at least the *quantities and the name of the active substances used and* of the plant protection product *and the biocidal product used*, the dose of application, the *date of application, the surface area* where the plant protection product *or biocidal product* was used.

## Amendment 70

### Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 6

*Text proposed by the Commission*

6. National authorities responsible for complying with the requirements of this Regulation shall have the right to access and use, promptly and free of charge, data, including individual data on enterprises and agricultural holdings in administrative files compiled on their national territory pursuant to Article 17a of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009. The national authorities and the owners of the administrative records shall establish the necessary cooperation mechanisms for such access. That access shall also be granted in cases where the competent authority has delegated tasks to

*Amendment*

6. National authorities responsible for complying with the requirements of this Regulation shall have the right to access and use, promptly and free of charge, data, including individual data on enterprises and agricultural holdings in administrative files compiled on their national territory pursuant to Article 17a of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009. *Other national authorities responsible for implementing the relevant Union environmental, food security and public health legislation, as well as the European Environment Agency, shall also have the right to access and use,*

be carried out on its behalf to private or semi-public bodies.

***promptly and free of charge, aggregated data for statistical and monitoring purposes.*** The national authorities and the owners of the administrative records shall establish the necessary cooperation mechanisms for such access. That access shall also be granted in cases where the competent authority has delegated tasks to be carried out on its behalf to private or semi-public bodies.

## **Amendment 71**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***6a. The data collected may be used only during the period needed to carry out the analyses and may not be further processed or made public in a manner incompatible with the initial purpose of the data collection.***

## **Amendment 72**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***9a. The Commission (Eurostat) shall publish on the internet, free of charge, the quality report provided by Member States, other reports or information provided by Member States in application of this Article, as well as any request of the Commission (Eurostat) for clarification.***

## **Amendment 73**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 10 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 10a**

**Publication of data**

**1. The data collected on the topics listed in Article 5(1), point (d), shall be actively disseminated by the Commission (Eurostat) via internet, free of charge, at the following level of detail:**

- (a) per active substance;**
- (b) per plant protection, biocidal, veterinary medicinal and fertiliser product;**
- (c) per crop and animal species;**
- (d) per year.**

**2. The data collected under this Regulation shall be actively disseminated by the Commission (Eurostat) excluding confidential data in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 read in conjunction with Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006.**

**3. This Regulation is without prejudice to the right of public access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 read in conjunction with Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 and Directive 2003/4/EC.**

**Amendment 74**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 11 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. For the implementation of this Regulation, the Union **may** provide grants to the national statistical institutes and other national authorities referred to in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 in order to cover the implementation costs of an ad hoc data collection.

*Amendment*

1. For the implementation of this Regulation, the Union **shall** provide grants to the national statistical institutes and other national authorities referred to in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 in order to **support access to relevant technology and to cover the costs of implementation of this Regulation, as well as the** costs of an ad hoc data

collection *and the costs of feasibility studies as referred in Article 6(1b).*

## Amendment 75

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 11 – paragraph 1 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. Building on the priorities of the European Digital Strategy and the need to implement a digital single market, national recovery and resilience plans may finance expenditure in the digital sector to better collect and use data in the agricultural sector.***

## Amendment 76

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

Where the application of this Regulation or of the implementing measures and delegated acts adopted pursuant to them necessitates major adaptations in a national statistical system of a Member State, the Commission may adopt implementing acts granting derogations to Member States for a maximum duration of ***two*** years.

Where the application of this Regulation or of the implementing measures and delegated acts adopted pursuant to them necessitates major adaptations in a national statistical system of a Member State, the Commission may adopt implementing acts granting derogations to Member States for a maximum duration of ***three*** years.

## Amendment 77

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Article 13 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

The relevant Member State shall submit a duly reasoned request for such a derogation to the Commission within three months of the date of the entry into force of the act concerned.

The relevant Member State shall submit a duly reasoned request for such a derogation to the Commission within three months of the date of the entry into force of the act concerned, ***explaining what major***

*adaptations are needed to the national statistical system and an estimated timeline for such adaptations. That request shall be made public.*

## **Amendment 78**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***1a. The Commission (Eurostat) shall review and assess whether the request fulfils the relevant conditions set out in paragraph 1.***

***Where the Commission considers that the derogation is not justified in accordance with the relevant conditions set out in paragraph 1, it shall adopt a decision within three months from the date of receipt of the reasoned request, informing the Member State concerned that the derogation cannot be accepted and stating the reasons for that refusal. Such decision shall be made public.***

## **Amendment 79**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***2. The implementing acts referred to in paragraph 1, first subparagraph shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 15(2).***

***2. The Commission may adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 14 specifying the conditions set out in paragraph 1 of this Article.***

## **Amendment 80**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 5(8) and Article 6(1 and 2) shall be conferred on the Commission for ***an undetermined*** period from [Publications Office: please insert ***exact*** date of entry into force of ***the*** Regulation].

*Amendment*

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 5(9), Article 6(1), (2) and (3) and Article 13(2) shall be conferred on the Commission for ***a*** period ***of five years*** from ... [Publications Office: please insert ***the*** date of entry into force of ***this*** Regulation]. ***The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.***

**Amendment 81**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 14 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Inter-institutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.

*Amendment*

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Inter-institutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making. ***The European Parliament shall receive the planning for the following months and invitations for all experts meetings. The preparation and drawing up of delegated acts under this Regulation shall include written public consultations of a duration of minimum six weeks.***

**Amendment 82**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Article 14 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Article 14a*

*Review*

**1. By December 31 ... [insert year following 30 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation] and every five years thereafter, the Commission shall review this Regulation and shall submit a report on its implementation to the European Parliament and the Council.**

**2. During the first review referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission shall 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.**

**Amendment 83**

**Proposal for a regulation  
Annex – point a – table**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(a) Animal production statistics

Topic	Detailed topics	Transmission frequencies	Reference periods
Livestock and meat	Livestock populations	Twice per year, annual <i>or three times per decade</i>	Dates
		Monthly	Calendar month
	Meat production	Annually	Calendar year
		Twice per year or annually	Calendar quarters Calendar half years Calendar years

Eggs and chicks	Eggs for consumption	Annually <i>or three times per decade</i>	Calendar year
	Eggs for hatching and farmyard poultry chicks	Monthly	Calendar month
	Structure of hatcheries	Annually	Calendar year Dates
Milk and milk products	Milk produced and used on the agricultural holdings	Annually <i>or three times per decade</i>	Calendar year
	Milk availabilities to the dairy sector	Annually	Calendar year
	Uses of milk and dairy materials by the dairy sector and resulting products	Annually	Calendar year
	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector	Monthly or twice per year	Calendar month
	Structure of the dairy enterprises	Three times per decade	Calendar year

*Amendment*

(a) Animal production statistics<sup>1a</sup>

Topic	Detailed topics	Transmission frequencies	Reference periods
Livestock and meat	Livestock populations	Twice per year, annual	Dates
	Meat production	Monthly	Calendar month
		Annually	Calendar year
	Animal delivery	Twice per year or annually	Calendar quarters Calendar half years Calendar years
Eggs and chicks	Eggs for consumption	Annually	Calendar year
	Eggs for hatching and farmyard poultry chicks	Monthly	Calendar month



	Structure of hatcheries	Annually	Calendar year Dates
Milk and milk products	Milk produced and used on the agricultural holdings	Annually	Calendar year
	Milk availabilities to the dairy sector	Annually	Calendar year
	Uses of milk and dairy materials by the dairy sector and resulting products	Annually	Calendar year
	Monthly uses of cows' milk by the dairy sector	Monthly or twice per year	Calendar month
	Structure of the dairy enterprises	Three times per decade	Calendar year

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*<sup>1a</sup> Total number of animals and total of products of animal origin, and specifying organic farming certified and/or under conversion per topic.*

## Amendment 84

### Proposal for a regulation Annex – point b – table

*Text proposed by the Commission*

#### (b) Crop production statistics

Topic	Detailed topics	Transmission frequencies	Reference periods
Crop production	Arable crop production and permanent grassland	Sub-annually and annually	<i>Calendar</i> year
	Horticulture production excluding permanent crops	Sub-annually and annually	<i>Calendar</i> year
	Permanent crop production	Sub-annually and annually	<i>Calendar</i> year
Crop balances	Cereal balances	Annually	Year
	Oil seed balances	Annually	Year

Topic	Detailed topics	Transmission frequencies	Reference periods
Grasslands and grazing	Management of grazed areas	Every 3 years	Calendar year

*Amendment*

(b) Crop production statistics<sup>1a</sup>

Topic	Detailed topics	Transmission frequencies	Reference periods
<b><i>Crop area</i></b>	<b><i>Utilised agricultural area, arable land and permanent grassland</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
	<b><i>Horticultural crops</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
	<b><i>Permanent crops</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
	<b><i>Fodder crops</i></b>	<b><i>Every 3 years</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
	<b><i>Fallow land area</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
Crop production	Arable crop production and permanent grassland	Sub-annually and annually	Year
	Horticulture production excluding permanent crops	Sub-annually and annually	Year
	Permanent crop production	Sub-annually and annually	Year
	<b><i>Fodder production</i></b>	<b><i>Every 3 years</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
Crop balances	Cereal balances	Annually	Year
	Oil seed balances	Annually	Year
Grasslands and grazing	Management of grazed areas	Every 3 years	Calendar year

<sup>1a</sup> ***Total main area and production specifying organic farming certified and/or under conversion.***

**Amendment 85**

**Proposal for a regulation**

## Annex – point b a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

### *(ba) Organic production and products*

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Detailed topics</i>	<i>Transmission frequencies</i>	<i>Reference periods</i>
<i>Organic production and products</i>	<i>Organic production and products</i>	<i>Annually</i>	<i>Calendar year</i>

*Justification*

*In line with Article 5, paragraph 4, in addition, following Action 11 of the Organic Action plan, the Commission will intensify, starting in 2022, the collection of market data in collaboration with MS and extend the EU Market Observatories' analysis to organic products.*

## Amendment 86

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Annex – point c – table – rows 3, 4 and 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

Absolute input prices	Fertilisers	<i>Annually</i>	Calendar year
	Feedingstuff	Annually	Calendar year
	Energy	Annually	Calendar year

*Amendment*

Absolute input prices	Fertilisers	<i>Monthly or quarterly</i>	Calendar year
	<i>Plant protection products</i>	<i>Annually</i>	<i>Calendar year</i>
	<i>Biocidal products</i>	<i>Annually</i>	<i>Calendar year</i>
	<i>Veterinary medicinal products</i>	<i>Annually</i>	<i>Calendar year</i>
	Feeding stuff	Annually	Calendar year
	Energy	Annually	Calendar year

## Amendment 87

### Proposal for a regulation Annex – point d – table

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) Statistics on nutrients *and plant protection* products

Topic	Detailed topics	Transmission frequencies	Reference periods
Nutrients in agricultural fertilisers	Inorganic fertilisers for agriculture	Annually	Calendar year
	Organic fertilisers for agriculture		
Nutrient balances	Crops and forage nutrient contents coefficients	Every five years	Calendar years
	Crop residue volumes and nutrient content coefficients		
	Biological nitrogen fixation coefficients		
	Atmospheric nitrogen deposition coefficients		
	Seed use nutrient content coefficients		
	Livestock excretion nutrient coefficients		

	Livestock manure withdrawal volumes and nutrient content coefficients		
Plant protection products	Plant protection products placed on the market	Annually	Calendar year
	Use of plant protection products in agriculture	Annually	Calendar year

*Amendment*

(d) Statistics on nutrients, *pesticides, veterinary medicinal products and antibiotics in animal feed*

Topic	Detailed topics	Transmission frequencies	Reference periods
Nutrients in agricultural fertilisers	Inorganic fertilisers for agriculture	Annually	Calendar year
	Organic fertilisers for agriculture		
Nutrient balances	Crops and forage nutrient contents coefficients	Every five years	Calendar years
	Crop residue volumes and nutrient content coefficients		
	Biological nitrogen fixation coefficients		
	Atmospheric nitrogen deposition coefficients		
	Seed use nutrient content coefficients		
	Livestock excretion nutrient coefficients		
	Livestock manure withdrawal volumes and nutrient content coefficients		
Plant protection products	Plant protection products placed on the market	Annually	Calendar year

	Use of plant protection products in agriculture <sup>1a</sup>	Annually	Calendar year
<b><i>Biocidal products</i></b>	<b><i>Biocidal products placed on the market</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
	<b><i>Use of biocidal products in agriculture</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
<b><i>Veterinary medicinal products intended for food-producing animals and animal feed</i></b>	<b><i>Veterinary medicinal products intended for food-producing animals placed on the market</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
	<b><i>Use of veterinary medicinal products in food-producing animals</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
	<b><i>Antibiotics in animal feed placed on the market</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>
	<b><i>Use of antibiotics in animal feed</i></b>	<b><i>Annually</i></b>	<b><i>Calendar year</i></b>

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<sup>1a</sup> *Specifying use on organic farming certified and/or under conversion.*