



CELCAA welcomes the adoption by the European Council of the reform of the CAP, paving the way for a more market-oriented, productive and efficient agriculture policy, strengthening the European agri-food sector as a whole

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The Agriculture and Fishery Council of 16 & 17 December 2013 adopted the CAP reform package and transitional CAP measures for 2014 following a first-reading agreement with the European Parliament. The CAP reform package includes regulations on direct payments, common organisation of the markets, rural development and financing of the CAP. CELCAA welcomes the agreement which provides for a more-market oriented CAP, while targeting in a more transparent way the beneficiaries of direct income support and providing support to the delivery of public goods.

The adoption by the Council comes after intensive negotiations with the European Parliament, based on the Commission proposal of October 2011. In addition to the maintenance of public intervention for some agricultural goods, the new single CMO regulation contains a general market disturbance clause under which the Commission will have the power to extend or modify the scope, duration or other aspects of safety net measures. This provision applies to all commodities covered by the single CMO regulation. In addition, market support measures can be introduced to respond to market disruption related to animal diseases and loss of consumer confidence due to public, animal or plant health issues.

Paul Rooke, President CELCAA, stressed "The adoption of the reform by the Council today proves that the European Institutions can effectively work together, in a timely manner, so as to deliver to the economic operators in the agri-food sector the visibility they need. A more market-oriented, efficient and targeted CAP is necessary today, where European agriculture compete in its internal market and globally with other major agricultural producers. We also believe that the EU has an adequate range of tools available to address market crises and a sudden sharp drop in farm prices. Finally, re-nationalisation through the back door of national policies should be avoided by any means".

CELCAA is an EU umbrella association representing EU organisations covering the trade in cereals, grains, oil, animal feed, wine, meat and meat products, dairy and dairy products, eggs, poultry and game, tobacco, spices and general produces. Members include COCERAL, UECEBV, EUCOLAIT, CEEV, EUWEP, GAFTA EU, FETRATAB, CIBC. CELCAA's main objectives are to facilitate understanding of European decision-makers and stakeholders on the role played by the European traders in agri-commodities; to act as a platform of dialogue and communication with the European Institutions and to encourage public and general interests in agri-trade issues.

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