



Suggested amendments for the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy – Plenary Session of the European Parliament

A) Negotiation Mandate for direct payments (Commission Document B7-0079/2013)

Amendment 29 – Article 4 (1) (e)

Text proposed by the EP Agriculture Committee:

“agricultural area means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland and permanent pasture or permanent crops,”

Suggested amendment:

“agricultural area means any area taken up by arable land, permanent grassland and permanent pasture or permanent crops, **or a combination of these in agroforestry systems.**”

Justification:

If agroforestry systems are not eligible to direct payments, they will be rejected by European farmers and rural trees destroyed everywhere.

New language

Text proposed by the EP Agriculture Committee:

- None -

Suggested amendment: new article 4 (1) (l)

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“agro-forestry”: a system of production in which trees and cultivated or grazed plants are grown together on, or on the edge of, the same plots of land;

Justification:

Agroforestry systems are now recognized for their efficiency on both productivity and protection of natural resources. A simple definition that embraces all European agroforestry systems is required.

B) Negotiation Mandate for rural development (Commission Document B7-0081/2013)

Amendment 65 – Article 24.2

Text proposed by the EP Agriculture Committee:

“2. "Agro-forestry systems" shall mean land use systems in which trees are grown in combination with extensive agriculture on the same land. Member States shall determine the minimum and maximum number of trees to be planted or preserved per hectare, taking account of local pedoclimatic and environmental conditions, forestry species and the need to ensure sustainable agricultural use of the land.”

Suggested amendment:

“2. "Agro-forestry systems" shall mean land use systems in which trees are grown in combination with **extensive (deleted)** agriculture on the same land. Member States shall determine the minimum and maximum number of trees to be planted or preserved per hectare, taking account of local pedoclimatic and environmental conditions, **tree** species and the need to ensure sustainable agricultural use of the land.”

Justification:

Agroforestry can be applied to any agricultural system : conventional, organic, extensive, intensive, with environmental services provided in any cases.

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New language

Text proposed by the EP Agriculture Committee:

- None -

Amendment: new Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point m e (new)

“agro-forestry”: a system of production in which trees and cultivated or grazed plants are grown together on, or on the edge of, the same plots of land;

Justification :

Agroforestry systems are now recognized for their efficiency on both productivity and protection of natural resources. A simple definition that embraces all European agroforestry systems is required.

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