

Basic information

2024/0319(COD)

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Regulation

Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading

Strengthening of the position of farmers in the food supply chain

Amending Regulation 2013/1308 [2011/0281\(COD\)](#)

Amending Regulation 2021/2115 [2018/0216\(COD\)](#)

Amending Regulation 2021/2116 [2018/0217\(COD\)](#)

Subject

3.10 Agricultural policy and economies

3.10.01 Agricultural structures and holdings, farmers

3.10.02 Processed products, agri-foodstuffs

3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	IMART Céline (EPP)	18/03/2025
		Shadow rapporteur MAESTRE Cristina (S&D) DÖMÖTÖR Csaba (Pfe) RUISSEN Bert-Jan (ECR) COWEN Barry (Renew) STROLENBERG Anna (Greens/EFA) FLANAGAN Luke Ming (The Left) STOYANOV Stanislav (ESN)	
	Committee for budgetary assessment	Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development	HANSEN Christophe	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/12/2024	Legislative proposal published	COM(2024)0577 	Summary
20/01/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
08/09/2025	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
12/09/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0161/2025	
07/10/2025	Debate in Parliament		
08/10/2025	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0214/2025	Summary
08/10/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
08/10/2025	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		
08/04/2026	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2024/0319(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation 2013/1308 2011/0281(COD) Amending Regulation 2021/2115 2018/0216(COD) Amending Regulation 2021/2116 2018/0217(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 58 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 042-p1 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	AGRI/10/01665



Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE772.032	01/04/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE773.314	13/05/2025	

Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0161/2025	12/09/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T10-0214/2025	08/10/2025	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2024)0577 	10/12/2024	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2025)0260 	21/05/2025	

National parliaments

Document type	Parliament/Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Contribution	CZ_SENATE	COM(2024)0577	28/02/2025	
Contribution	IT_CHAMBER	COM(2024)0577	05/03/2025	
Contribution	IT_SENATE	COM(2024)0577	05/03/2025	
Contribution	IT_SENATE	COM(2024)0577	16/04/2025	
Contribution	RO_SENATE	COM(2024)0577	12/05/2025	
Contribution	IE_HOUSES-OF-OIREACHTAS	COM(2024)0577	23/07/2025	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES4584/2024	27/03/2025	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0032/2025	14/05/2025	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
EP Research Service	Briefing	10/03/2025
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives

IMART Céline	Rapporteur	AGRI	29/01/2026	Union nationale des producteurs de pommes de terre
IMART Céline	Rapporteur	AGRI	10/09/2025	Association des Centres Distributeurs E.Leclerc
STROLENBERG Anna	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	30/07/2025	Flora food group
IMART Céline	Rapporteur	AGRI	16/07/2025	COPA COGECA
FLANAGAN Luke Ming	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	15/07/2025	European milk board rep
IMART Céline	Rapporteur	AGRI	04/06/2025	Confédération Paysanne
IMART Céline	Rapporteur	AGRI	04/06/2025	ANPP
FLANAGAN Luke Ming	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	29/04/2025	European Milk board REPs
COWEN Barry	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	23/04/2025	EuroCommerce
STROLENBERG Anna	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	23/04/2025	La Via Campesina
STROLENBERG Anna	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	22/04/2025	ECOCERT SA
STROLENBERG Anna	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	15/04/2025	CBL supermarkt- en foodservicebranche
IMART Céline	Rapporteur	AGRI	03/04/2025	European Milk Board
FLANAGAN Luke Ming	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	02/04/2025	Another MEP
FLANAGAN Luke Ming	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	02/04/2025	Rep for Euro group for animals
IMART Céline	Rapporteur	AGRI	01/04/2025	Fédération nationale de l'agriculture biologique
IMART Céline	Rapporteur	AGRI	01/04/2025	Deutscher Bauernverband
FLANAGAN Luke Ming	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	01/04/2025	Rep from Fair Trade Advocacy Office,
MAESTRE Cristina	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	01/04/2025	German Farmers' Association
MAESTRE Cristina	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	18/03/2025	Stichting Fair Trade Advocacy Office

Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
KÖHLER Stefan	24/03/2026	Unilever
KÖHLER Stefan	03/03/2026	Rügenwalder Mühle Carl Müller GmbH & Co. KG
TOSI Flavio	14/10/2025	Imprenditori Canapa Italia
CASSART Benoit	07/10/2025	Fédération Wallonne de l'Agriculture
WAITZ Thomas	06/10/2025	Verein für Proteinvielfalt in Österreich
HAYER Valérie	18/09/2025	La Coopération Agricole
SINGER Christine	11/09/2025	Handelsverband Deutschland
HAYER Valérie	28/08/2025	CERAFEL UGPVB POPLAIT
HAYER Valérie	04/07/2025	La Coopération Agricole

HAYER Valérie	03/07/2025	UGPVB CERAFEL POPLait
HAYER Valérie	24/06/2025	Assemblée des Régions Européennes Fruitières, Légumières et Horticoles
HERRANZ GARCÍA Esther	20/06/2025	Cooperativas Agro-alimentarias de España
HAYER Valérie	21/05/2025	Association nationale interprofessionnelle du bétail et des viandes
FIDANZA Carlo	19/05/2025	Associazione Industriali delle Carni e dei Salumi Associazione Italiana Lattiero Casearia Federazione Italiana dell'Industria Alimentare
WALSH Maria	24/04/2025	ALDI SÜD Dienstleistungs-SE & Co. oHG
SCHNEIDER Christine	23/04/2025	Deutscher Raiffeisenverband e.V.
HAYER Valérie	14/04/2025	AOP nationale tomates et concombres de France
HAYER Valérie	24/03/2025	UNPT GIPT
SCHNEIDER Christine	12/03/2025	MARKENVERBAND
HAYER Valérie	10/03/2025	DMK Deutsches Milchkontor GmbH
HAYER Valérie	25/02/2025	Fédération Française de la Coopération Fruitière, Légumière et Horticole
HAYER Valérie	25/02/2025	AOP nationale tomates et concombres de France Association Nationale Pommes Poires PECHES ET ABRICOTS DE FRANCE UNPT
HERRANZ GARCÍA Esther	18/02/2025	ARAG ASAJA
WAITZ Thomas	06/02/2025	European Milk Board Arbeitsgemeinschaft bäuerliche Landwirtschaft
HERRANZ GARCÍA Esther	11/12/2024	AEPLA

Strengthening of the position of farmers in the food supply chain

2024/0319(COD) - 10/12/2024 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to strengthen the contractual position of farmers and restore the trust of the actors in the food supply chain.

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 agricultural sector, in particular farmers, face a range of challenges. The Covid-19 pandemic and Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine have led to an unprecedented increase of energy-related agricultural input costs and a prolonged period of high inflation, affecting farmers' costs and food prices. In parallel, farmers continue to undertake efforts to make their production more environmentally sustainable. Many consumers, dealing with an increased cost of living, have also directed their consumption patterns towards less expensive food products. This has further destabilised the distribution of value added along the food supply chain and has increased the degree of uncertainty in which farmers operate, fuelling protests and mistrust. It is thus appropriate to adopt measures to tackle those challenges and restore the trust of the actors in the food supply chain.

CONTENT: this Commission proposal amends Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy.

The proposed amendments modify only specific aspects of a limited number of provisions in the existing Regulations. They enhance and further strengthen existing provisions regarding contracts involving farmers and their organisations with other actors in the chain, as well as reinforce the bargaining power of producer organisations and their associations, reduce the administrative burden for their recognition, and establish an inductive framework for voluntary schemes and agreements aimed at improving farmers' remuneration and social sustainability initiatives.

More specifically, the proposed amendments seek to strengthen the position of farmers in the agri-food supply chain by:

- simplifying the rules on recognition of producer organisations;
- reinforcing the rules on contractualization. Each delivery of agricultural products should be covered by a **written contract**. These written contracts should include certain elements ensuring transparency and predictability in the calculation of the final price. Contracts with a duration of more than six months should include a **revision clause** to allow farmers, producer organisations or associations of producer organisations to request a revision of the contract;
- establishing a **mediation mechanism** and make it available to parties that wish to use it;
- setting out rules on the use of cross-sectoral optional terms for “fair”, “equitable” and equivalent terms, as well as for “short supply chains”;
- introducing the possibility to grant Union financial support to Member States for measures undertaken by operators in periods of severe market imbalances;
- improving the degree of organisation of the farming sector in Member States by supporting producer organisations implementing operational programmes and improving the take-up of sectoral interventions in the other sectors.

Strengthening of the position of farmers in the food supply chain

2024/0319(COD) - 08/10/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 532 votes to 78, with 25 abstentions, **amendments** to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2021/2115 and (EU) 2021/2116 as regards the strengthening of the position of farmers in the food supply chain.

The matter was referred back to the relevant committee for interinstitutional negotiations.

The main amendments adopted in plenary are as follows:

Contractual relations and producer organisations

Members support the establishment of **mandatory written contracts** for the delivery of agricultural products. Member States may decide that producer organisations, associations of producer organisations or farmers should make a written offer for a contract for the delivery of agricultural products to the first purchasers.

Member States will establish a mediation mechanism to cover cases in which there is no mutual agreement on the formalisation, interpretation or fulfilment of a contract.

The contract drawn up in writing, in digital form or on paper, must include:

- **the price payable for the delivery** with explicit indication of all payments, including applicable discounts, which will be calculated by combining various objective, verifiable and non-manipulable factors including objective indicators that reflect changes in market conditions, inflation, full production costs, including the remuneration of farmers, the total costs for additional services, the quantities delivered and the quality or composition of the agricultural products delivered;
- **a revision clause** that may be triggered, in particular, by the farmer, a producer organisation or an association of producer organisations, on the basis of unforeseen circumstances, such as extreme weather events, animal disease outbreaks, geopolitical tensions, or any other reason that prevents the agreed price from covering the farmers' costs;
- **details regarding payment periods**, procedures and the point in time in which the ownership and risk transfer.

Members proposed that EU Member States may **exempt** specific sectors of that obligation at the request of an organisation representing the sector. In addition, Member States may decide that neither a written contract nor a written offer are required in one or more of the following cases:

- the delivery concerns products of a value equal to or below a threshold to be determined by the Member State, **which will not exceed EUR 4 000** (compared to EUR 10 000 proposed by the Commission);
- the first purchaser of the agricultural products concerned is a micro or small-sized enterprise;
- the delivery and payment of the agricultural products concerned take place simultaneously or at the latest within 5 working days.

To avoid unnecessary competition between production models, Members opposed the creation of organic producer organisations.

Labelling and marketing

Members want more clarity on the use of the terms '**fair**' or '**equitable**' for agricultural products and want the criteria for allowing such labelling to include:

- stability, including through contracts between producers and buyers to limit the impact of economic uncertainties, traceability and transparency in the relations of farmers with purchasers along the supply chain;
- promoting the development of democratically managed collective organisations of farmers;

- payment of an additional amount to the producer, in particular to fund joint projects;
- a price considered equitable and remunerative by participating farmers for their products and work;
- the contribution of products to the development of rural communities.

According to Members, the term '**short supply chain**' on labels or in advertising should only be used for products produced in the EU with a limited number of intermediaries between the farmer and the final consumer or for products that are handled over a short distance or for a short period.

The Commission will assess the feasibility and added value of introducing a harmonised Union visual label on short supply chain products.

Pesticides in imported food

Members added a condition to the new rules, according to which food and feed of plant and animal origin may only be imported from third countries if they comply with obligations related to the maximum residue levels of pesticides in food and feed produced in the Union.

Public procurement

Members States will ensure that supply contracts awarded under public procurement procedures are sourced from **agricultural and food products originating in the Union**, in particular using local and seasonal products. Priority should be given to products with EU geographical indications.