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Non-objection to a delegated act: measures to address market disturbance in the fruit, vegetable and wine sectors caused by COVID-19

European Parliament decision to raise no objections to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/95 of 28 January 2021 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/592 on temporary exceptional measures derogating from certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to address the market disturbance in the fruit and vegetables and wine sectors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and measures linked to it (C(2021)00368 — 2021/2531(DEA))

(2021/C 474/22)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/95 [1],

— having regard to the letter from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs of 24 February 2021,

— having regard to Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council [2], and in particular Article 219(1) and Article 228 thereof,

— having regard to Rule 111(6) of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the recommendation for a decision of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development,

— having regard to the fact that no objections have been raised within the period laid down in the third and fourth indents of Rule 111(6) of its Rules of Procedure, which expired on 9 March 2021,

A. whereas, in light of the exceptionally severe market disturbance and of the accumulation of difficult circumstances inter alia in the wine sector, which has its origin in the imposition, in October 2019, by the United States of tariffs on imports of wines from the Union and which continues now with the fall-out from the on-going restrictive measures due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, exceptional difficulties have been encountered by operators in all Member States with the planning, implementation and execution of operations under support programmes;

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[1] OJ L 31, 29.1.2021, p. 198.

[2] 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).

B. whereas, in view of the unprecedented nature of those combined circumstances, the Commission adopted, on 30 April 2020, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/592 ([3]) providing for flexibilities and allowing derogations from certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 to address the market disturbance in the fruit and vegetables and wine sectors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;

C. whereas, despite the usefulness of those measures, the wine sector has not managed to regain its balance between supply and demand and is not expected to regain it in the short to medium term due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

D. whereas, given that the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to continue during a considerable part of the financial year 2021, the Commission proposed in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/95 to extend the application of the measures laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/592 until 15 October 2021;

E. whereas the swift implementation of those continued flexibilities and derogations are essential to their effectiveness and efficacy in addressing difficulties in the running of support programmes, preventing further economic losses and addressing the market situation and disturbances in the wine sector;

1. Declares that it has no objections to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/95;

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission.

([3]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/592 of 30 April 2020 on temporary exceptional measures derogating from certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to address the market disturbance in the fruit and vegetables and wine sectors caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and measures linked to it (OJ L 140, 4.5.2020, p. 6).