

**Question for written answer E-015143/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: New measures to simplify the CAP

At the Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 16 November 2015, Commissioner Hogan announced his intention to carry out a drastic simplification of the common agricultural policy (CAP).

The Commissioner proposed a simplification of the direct payment system, particularly the CAP 'greening' measures and certain instruments under the common organisation of agricultural markets, cutting the number of regulations from 200 to 40.

What implications could these measures have for expenditure on farming? Is the Commission not concerned that a simplification of this magnitude could lead to drastic cuts in the farming budget or give succour to opponents of the CAP who wish to slash this budget? What sectors would be most affected by these changes?