

# Common Technical Specifications 2009 (and 2010)

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- Eligible hectare
- Set-aside
- Sanction thresholds in SAPS
- Cross compliance on vineyard farmers
- Imagery
- A1 code
- QC data
- CTS 2010

- “**Eligible hectare**” shall mean **any agricultural area** of the holding except areas under forests or used for non agricultural activities (art 123 of R. 479/2008 amending art 44(2) of R. 1782/2003)
- **Agricultural use of the land** (art 123 of R. 479/2008 amending art 51 of R. 1782/2003): Farmers may use the parcels declared [to activate their entitlements] for any agricultural activity.

**Possible derogation** till 31/12/2010:

- fruit and vegetable
  - ware potatoes
  - nurseries
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- Application: from 1 January 2009 (art 129 of R. 479/2008)

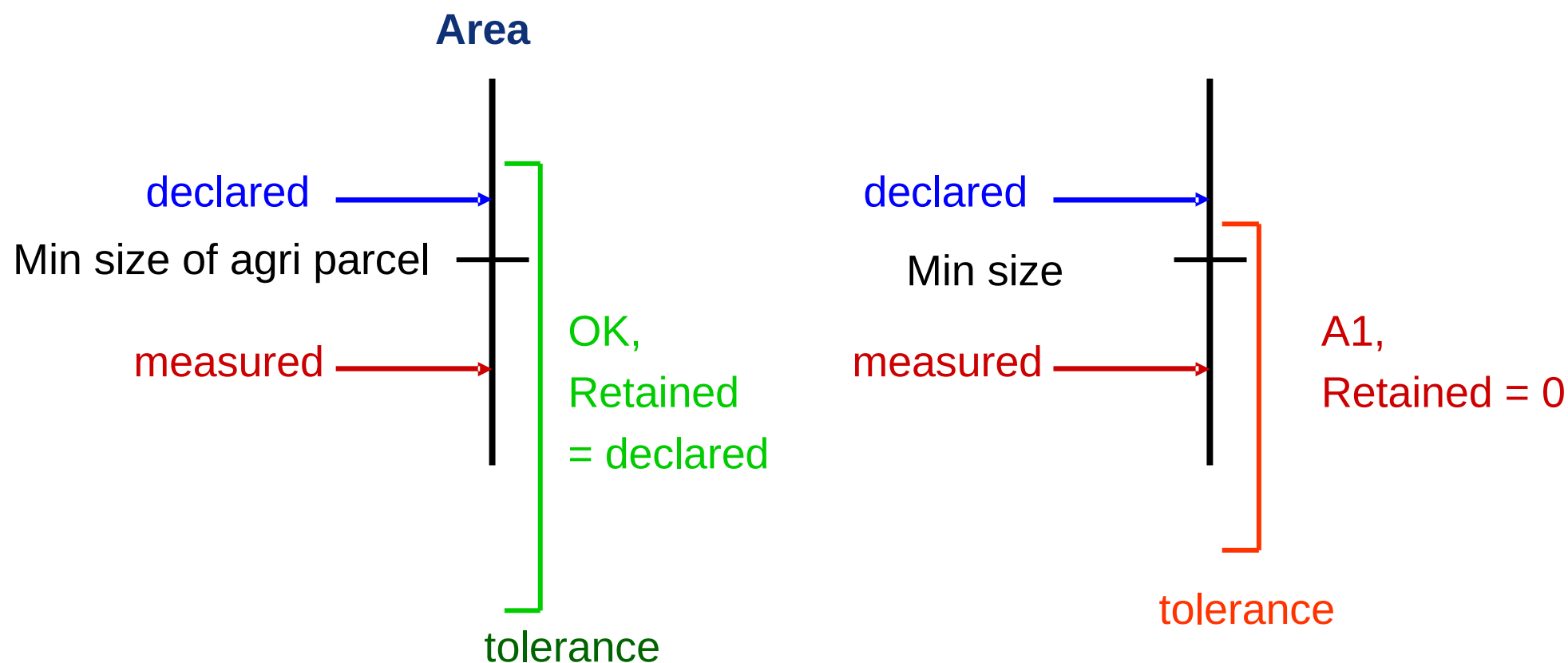
- **Abolished as from 01/01/2009** by Health Check;
  - SA entitlements to be converted into normal entitlements
  - (2003) eligibility for set-aside suppressed
  - Codes for minimum size and width of set-aside suppressed
- HC regulation to be published in early 2009

- Integration of SAPS in IACS (art 16 and annex 1 of HC regulation): reductions and exclusions in case of over-declaration will be based on the **same thresholds as for SPS** i.e. (3% or 2 ha) and 20% (art 51 of Reg 796/2004)

- Cross compliance applies to vineyard farmers receiving aid for restructuring and conversion, grubbing up and green harvesting (art 20 & 103 of R 479/2008)
- New implementing rules for 2009 (on selection of sample of farmers receiving vineyard area based aids) to be provided in amended Reg 796/2004

- Removal of HR SAR data (Radarsat)
- **VHR Pan only** with **GSD < 1 m** (Eros B, WV1) as **prime** sensor in exceptional cases, in agreement with MS
- New sensor on trial: **Geoeye 1** (0.5m P and 1.65 m XS); compliance with orthorectification specifications to be confirmed
- VHR SAR: as back up VHR, in very exceptional cases, budget permitting; provision of orthorectified product
- Reminder: Input Data Quality Assessment to be completed (in Liodotnet) for any image delivered

- For parcels declared or found, after application of the tolerance, **below the minimum size** of agricultural parcel (art 14(4) of R. 796/2004), **set the retained area to 0**



- **QC data: drop of systematic collect**; similar data (LPIS and CAPI vectors, declared, measured & retained areas at parcel level) will be requested for technical studies or visits on a case by case basis
- **CTS 2009:**
  - ITT notice published in *Official Journal of the European Union* (OJ/S) on 22/11/2008 number **2008/S 228-302473**
  - Notice available on the TED database (Tenders Electronic Daily)
  - CTS on the MARS website as from 1/12/2008

- No legal justification (tender managed by MS) -> complex procedure
  - Less and less changes; and these could be managed through WikiCAP
  - Refocus of GeoCAP activities on "science" + staff decrease
- > abandonment of CTS as from campaign 2010

