



Main aspects of the new IACS legislation

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Legal basis

➤ Basic acts for direct payments

- **Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013** of the EP and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers ("Direct Payments Regulation")
- **Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013** of the EP and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the CAP ("Horizontal Regulation")

➤ 1 "Pair of DA/IA" for direct payments

- Commission **Delegated Regulation (EU) No 639/2014**
- Commission **Implementing Regulation (EU) No 641/2014**

➤ 1 "Pair of DA/IA" for IACS, RD support and cross compliance

- Commission **Delegated Regulation (EU) No 640/2014**
- Commission **Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014**





The fundamentals of IACS are maintained

- The integrated system
- The submission of the aid application by the beneficiary
- Administrative and on-the-spot checks
- The calculation of the aid
- The possible application of reductions and administrative penalties

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Complexity of the reform linked to:

- the multiplication of schemes
- their simultaneous implementation

How to cope with it

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Phasing-in for some provisions

- Geospatial aid application: 25% in 2016, 75% in 2017, 100% in 2018
- EFA-layer:
 - gradual implementation
 - deadline 2018
 - limitation of increase of control rate

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The reform still applies from 2015!!!

→ In view of preparing 2015 claim year and implementation of the reform, some changes in IACS needed....

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The Geo-spatial aid application (Art.72 of R. 1306/2013, Art.17 of R.809/2014)

Objectives:

- to better support the farmer in declaring correctly the area
 - to render administrative cross-checks more effective
→ spatial intersection with the LPIS
 - to reduce the control burden + to reduce the error rate
 - Contain as much as possible 'guiding alerts'
 - Automated controls to mitigate risk of errors (and avoid over declaration)
- Farmer need to receive as precise and clear pre-established information as possible

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The LPIS (1/2) (Art.70 of R. 1306/2013, Art.5 and 6 of R.640/2014)

Objectives:

- unambiguous localisation of all declared agricultural parcels and ecological focus areas (EFA) by farmer and inspectors
 - quantification of all eligible area and EFA for crosschecks during the administrative controls by the paying agency
 - To lower error rate
- As much reliable information as possible is needed

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The LPIS (2/2)

- Distinction of the agricultural area / land cover within the reference parcels (AL, PG, PC) (Art.4(1)(e) of R.1307/2013)
- New eligible land to be included: definition of PG (Art.4(1)(h) of R.1307/2013)
- Ineligible area from 100 m² (not new)
- Maximum tree density or pro-rata (Art.9 and 10 of R.640/2014)

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The EFA-layer

(Art.70(2) of R.1306/2013 and Art.5 (2)(c) of R.640/2014)

Objectives:

- Supporting beneficiaries to declare EFA correctly
- Performing administrative cross-checks between the EFA declared and the EFA layer
 - By providing information on type, size and location of EFAs
 - By using the Geo-spatial Aid application for the declaration of EFA (inc. determined area year before)
- To lower the error rate

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The OTSC

(Art.74(2) and (3) of R.1306/2013 and Title III of R. 809/2014)

Re-organisation of OTSC, with the use of available tools and options:

- Possibility to reduce OTSC rate (Art.36 of R.809/2014)
- Integration of different samples (Art.34 of R.809/2014)
- Certain simplification of the controls / measurement
- Use of remote-sensing (CwRS) (Art.74(3) of R. 1306/2013)
- Level of accuracy: scale from 1:10 000 to 1:5000 (Art.70(1) of R. 1306/2013)

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Support provided to MS (1/2)

- Unit D3 dedicated to implementation support, monitoring, IACS and LPIS
- Missions: to 16 MS already done or to be done by December; other MS to follow in the first months of 2015
- Many bilateral discussions/meetings with MS authorities, replies to written questions...

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Support provided to MS (2/2)

- Guidance documents:
 - **2 guidance finalised (LPIS, EFA-layer)**
 - **1 being finalised(OTSC for CY 2015)**
 - **1 first draft prepared and discussed (aid application and payment claims)**
 - **and more to come...**
- Technical fiches

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Thank you!

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