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**Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 as regards specific measures to provide exceptional temporary support under EAFRD in response to the COVID-19 outbreak (Council document 7707/20) (41232)**

We have considered your Explanatory Memorandum on the above proposal.

We note that it is not yet clear whether any part of the UK will seek to offer this support. We therefore ask that you report back to us in due course setting out any expressions of interest among UK Managing Authorities in utilising this flexibility and, if so, from where any such expenditure might be diverted and how much funding might be involved.

We are copying this letter to Neil Parish MP, Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Ian Bradshaw, Clerk of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; the Earl of Kinnoull, Chair of the EU Select Committee in the House of Lords and Christopher Johnson, Clerk of the Lords EU Select Committee; your Departmental EU Scrutiny team; and Les Saunders and Donald Harris in the Cabinet Office.

**CHAIR**