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Dear George

EM 9645/18: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (and ADD 1)

9646/18: COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT
Accompanying the document Proposals for a - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 - Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands (and ADD 1-2)

9634/18: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 (and ADD 1)

9556/1/18 REV 1: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products, (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union and (EU) No 229/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands

Thank you for the letter from your predecessor dated 17 July 2019 on the above Proposals, which was considered by our Energy and Environment Sub-Committee at its meeting on 4 September.

We are grateful for the update on the outcome of discussions in the Council under the Austrian, Romanian and Finnish Presidencies on the above proposals earlier this year. We note that the ongoing negotiations on the EU's next multiannual financial framework are making it difficult to determine the overall budget of the next CAP. We are also interested in the European Parliament's Agriculture Committee's scrutiny of the above proposals, and we would be grateful to receive further updates on this in the future.

We note the Government's announcement that from 1 September UK Ministers will only attend EU meetings where the UK has a significant national interest in the outcome of discussions. Please clarify whether the UK will continue to participate in meetings related to this next round of the CAP, and if not how the Government intends to ensure the UK's interests are protected.

We have decided to retain the Proposals under scrutiny. We look forward to a reply to this letter in due course.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, Chair of the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee; Jessica Mulley, Clerk of the European Scrutiny Committee; Arnold Ridout, Legal Adviser to the European Scrutiny Committee; Les Saunders, DExEU, and John Leach and Craig White, Scrutiny Coordinators, DEFRA.

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