

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the ‘Amendment to the Commission proposal COM(2011) 625 final/3 for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy’**

COM(2012) 552 final — 2011/0280 (COD)

(2013/C 44/30)

On 22 October and 24 October 2012, the European Parliament and the Council respectively decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on the

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Since the Committee endorses the contents of the proposal, it decided at its 485th plenary session of 12 and 13 December 2012 (meeting of 12 December 2012), by 127 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.

Brussels, 12 December 2012.

*The President*  
*of the European Economic and Social Committee*  
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