

**Question for written answer E-002893/2025**  
**to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** Possibility of GAEC 7 and GAEC 8 requirements being dropped

In the context of the multiple crises affecting European agriculture – including geopolitical instability, climate change, economic pressures and increasing global demand for food – it is essential that European policies offer flexibility, pragmatism and real support for farmers.

In this respect, the temporary derogations applied in 2023 and 2024 to the GAEC 7 (crop rotation) and GAEC 8 (maintaining a minimum share of non-productive areas or features) requirements have proved to be effective, leading to a significant increase in agricultural production. According to the available data, these derogations made it possible to obtain approximately 6 million additional tonnes of agricultural produce in 2023 alone – a vital contribution in a period of food uncertainty and market volatility.

At the same time, many farmers' organisations and national authorities reported major difficulties in implementing these requirements, especially in regions where soil and weather conditions, land fragmentation or economic pressures make effective implementation impossible without substantial losses of income.

In view of the positive concrete impact of the derogations from GAEC 7 and GAEC 8 on food security, and the repeated requests from farmers and several Member States, is the Commission considering the possibility of dropping these requirements permanently, or at least revising them?

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