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on behalf of the European Commission  
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Information about beneficiaries of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and their identification is made public by Member States as required by the Regulation (EU) 2021/2116<sup>1</sup>. The identification of ultimate beneficial owners is not required by the current Regulation.

For the 2028-2034 Multiannual Financial Framework, the Financial Regulation in combination with the proposed sector-specific rules, would require the collection of information on beneficial owners<sup>2</sup>. For the future CAP rules, the Commission considers that support should go to the farmers whose principal activity is agriculture. In the Commission's proposal for the CAP, in addition to the eligibility linked to the agricultural activity, the total annual amount of degressive area-based income support would be reduced for payments exceeding EUR 20 000 and capped at EUR 100 000 per year.

These provisions, as proposed, address the risk that income support goes to entities whose principal business activity is not farming. The proposal is currently under negotiation by co-legislators.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 59 (4) and Article 98 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02021R2116-20260101>.

<sup>2</sup> This is included in the proposal for the National and Regional Partnership (NRP) Regulation, Article 63(1)(iv).