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on behalf of the European Commission
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Under the shared management of the Common Agricultural Policy, it is for each Member State to ensure that support is correctly delivered to eligible beneficiaries and linked to the supported activity – in this specific case an agricultural activity. In that context, the Member States must, in accordance with Article 62 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116¹, take effective and proportionate measures in reaction to the circumvention of Union law requirements for payments under the CAP by artificially created conditions.

The Commission became aware of the content of the Joint Ministerial Decision on the allocation of eligible pasture areas referred to by the Honourable Member after its publication and will examine its impact as part of its usual work on the functioning of the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS).

With reference to the way the above-mentioned Joint Ministerial Decision is going to be implemented by Greece, the Commission obtains assurance on the Member States' compliance with Union law and on whether the Member States management and control systems effectively protect the Union financial interests through the audit work of the national Certification Bodies and its own risk-based audits. In case of non-compliances, the Commission can open a conformity procedure with the aim of determining a financial risk to the Union budget. The Commission is specifically addressing the issues concerning agricultural activity and artificial conditions under its current audit work and under the ongoing action plan presented by the Greek authorities for the IACS.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2116/oj>.