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Reply of Assomela to the consultation on a draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the agriculture sector.

Assomela, which represent the Italian apple producers, appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the European Commission's proposed revision to de minimis aid for primary agricultural production.

Assomela welcome the proposed increase of the individual ceiling regarding the De minimis aid in Agriculture.

Despite that, we believe that the current proposed ceiling of EUR 37,000 is not enough ambitious to meet the needs of farmers and agri-cooperatives, which are currently facing a significant rise in cost of procurements, cost of labour and operating resources.

Taking into consideration the real reduction in the purchasing power of compensation and the support payments under the Common Agricultural Policy, the inflation rates which has been higher than anticipated in the multiannual financial framework for 2021-2027; having taken into consideration all of that, Assomela call for this regulation to facilitate a **further increase to the ceiling to EUR 50,000.**

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