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The Integrated Control and Administration System

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The Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)

Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003

**Commission Regulation (EC) No
796/2004**



IACS



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Background

- Established in connection with the Mac Sharry reform in 1992
- The Commission's responsibility to make sure that efficient systems and procedures are set up at national level
- Cover direct payments to farmers
- Aim was to improve the way farmers' aid applications are processed and to strengthen the checks of these payments



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Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003

Chapter 4, Articles 17-27



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- Scope of the system (Article 17)
 - Each Member State shall set up the system
 - Applies to all support schemes under Titles III and IV of that Regulation
 - To extent necessary, it also applies to the administration and control of the rules laid down in Chapters 1, 2 and 3 of this Regulation



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- IACS shall comprise (Article 18)
 - A computerised database
 - An identification system for agricultural parcels
 - A system for identification and registration of payment entitlements
 - Aid applications
 - An integrated control system
 - A single system to record the identity of each farmer who submits an aid application
 - In case of coupled payments for animals, a system for identification and registration of animals



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- The computerised database (Article 19)
 - Shall record all data obtained from each Agricultural holding
 - Shall allow immediate and direct consultation, through the competent authority of the Member state
 - Possible to set up decentralised databases following certain conditions



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- Identification system for agricultural parcels (Article 20)
 - Shall be established on the basis of maps or land registry documents or other cartographic references
 - Use shall be made of computerised geographical information system (GIS) technical including preferably aerial or spatial orthoimagery
 - Where appropriate, include a GIS for olive cultivation, consisting of a computerised alphanumeric database and a computerised graphical reference database for live trees and areas concerned



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- System for identification and registration of payment entitlements (Article 21)
 - Shall allow immediate and direct consultation, through the competent authority of the Member state
 - Shall allow verification of entitlements and cross-checks



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- Aid applications (Article 22)
 - Where applicable
 - All agricultural parcels of the holding
 - The number of olive trees and their positioning
 - Number and amount of payment entitlement
 - Any other information provided for in this regulation or by the Member State concerned
 - May contain only changes compared to previous year
 - May cover several other support schemes



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- Verification of eligibility conditions (Article 23)
 - Administrative checks on the aid applications shall be carried out
 - Those checks shall be supplemented by a system of on-the-spot checks to verify the eligibility on the basis of an sampling plan
 - Member States shall designate an responsible authority for the coordination of the checks



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- Reductions and exclusions (Article 24)
 - When the farmer does not comply with the eligibility conditions relevant to the granting of the payment or part of the payment granted or to be granted shall be subject to reductions and exclusions
 - The percentage of reduction or the possible exclusion shall be graduated according to the severity, extent, permanence and repetition of the non-compliance found



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- Controls of cross-compliance (Article 25)
 - On-the-spot checks shall be carried out
 - Existing administration and control system may be used to ensure compliance with the rules
 - These systems, specially the system for registration and identification of animals must be compatible with IACS



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- Compatibility (Article 26)
 - The control and administration procedures applied for support schemes listed in annex V of this Regulation shall be compatible with IACS in respect of
 - The computerised database
 - The identification system for agricultural parcels
 - Administrative checks
 - MS may add other schemes than those listed in Annex V



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- Information and checks (Article 27)
 - The commission shall be kept regularly updated of the application of IACS
 - The Commission may, after informing the competent authorities in good time, carry out
 - Any examination or control related to measures taken in order to establish an implement IACS
 - Checks at the specialised agencies and firms referred to in Article 23
 - The commission may seek assistance of specialised bodies or persons in order to facilitate the establishment, monitoring and utilisation of IACS



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Implementing rules for IACS



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PART I

- Scope and general provisions
 - Definitions (37!)
 - Provisions for the maintenance of permanent pasture



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PART II

- The integrated control and administration system
 - Title I
 - General rules (identification of farmers, agricultural parcels etc)
 - Title II
 - The single application (date for applications, content of applications etc.)
 - Applications for hops payments
 - Livestock aid applications
 - Application for dairy premium and additional payments
 - Common provisions (late submission, obvious errors etc)



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PART II cont.

– Title III

- Controls with regards to eligibility criteria (checks, control rates, control samples elements of the on-the-spot checks, control reports etc)
- Control relating to cross-compliance (checks, control rates, control samples elements of the on-the-spot checks, control reports etc)

– Title IV

- Basis for the calculation of the aid, reductions and exclusions
 - Findings in relation to eligibility criteria for a area and animal based payments
 - Findings in relation to cross-compliance



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PART II cont.

– Title V

- General Provisions (minimum payments, accumulation of reductions, recovery of undue payments, notifications etc)

PART III

- Modulation

PART IV

- Transitional and final provisions