

Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005, (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 378/2007 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (repealed)

## TITLE II

### GENERAL PROVISIONS ON DIRECT PAYMENTS

#### CHAPTER 3

##### **Farm advisory system**

###### *Article 12*

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1 Member States shall operate a system of advising farmers on land and farm management (hereinafter referred to as the ‘farm advisory system’) operated by one or more designated authorities or by private bodies.

2 The farm advisory system shall cover at least the statutory management requirements and the good agricultural and environmental condition referred to in Chapter 1.

3 Farmers may participate in the farm advisory system on a voluntary basis.

Member States may determine, in accordance with objective criteria, the priority categories of farmer that have access to the farm advisory system.

4 By 31 December 2010, the Commission shall submit a report to the Council on the application of the farm advisory system, accompanied, if necessary, by appropriate proposals.

###### *Article 13*

##### **Obligations of designated authorities and private bodies**

Without prejudice to national legislation concerning public access to documents, Member States shall ensure that the designated authorities and private bodies referred to in Article 12(1) do not disclose personal or individual information and data they obtain in their advisory activity to persons other than the farmer managing the holding concerned, with the exception of any irregularity or infringement found during their activity which is covered by an obligation laid down in Community or national law to inform a public authority, in particular in the case of criminal offences.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 22/12/2009.

**Changes to legislation:**

Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (repealed), CHAPTER 3 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.