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## Press Release

### Copa and Cogeca welcome the final cut made to UTPs by trilogue negotiators

**After two months of intense negotiations, Parliament, Council and Commission representatives agreed today on a final compromise to limit Unfair Trading Practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain. This long-awaited decision is warmly welcomed by the whole European farming community. Copa and Cogeca are convinced that the enforcement of the resulting Directive will contribute to establishing more transparent, balanced and fairer relationships among all players involved in the food supply chain.**

Reacting to the outcomes of the trilogue negotiations, Pekka Pesonen, Copa-Cogeca Secretary General, said *"I first want to congratulate all the negotiators for their efficient and valuable work, especially MEP rapporteur Paolo De Castro, Minister Elisabeth Köstinger and Commissioner Phil Hogan. For more than ten years now, Copa and Cogeca have been calling for a directive that tackles unfair practices in the food supply chain. Today, we are delighted to hear that this will become a reality for millions of farmers and their cooperatives in all Member States."*

Commenting on the next steps, Mr Pesonen added, *"We now hope that both Council representatives and MEPs will swiftly approve the final compromise to ensure that the Directive is enforced as quickly as possible. Copa and Cogeca members will remain vigilant throughout the transposition process in order to be certain that the Directive's main principles are consistent between Member States."*

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For further information on the impact of UTPs on the farming sector, do not hesitate to download the following [background information](#)

Translations (in French, Italian, Spanish, German and Polish) will soon be available [www.copa-cogeca.eu](http://www.copa-cogeca.eu)

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