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Finnish Agency for Rural Affairs

The Finnish Agency for Rural Affairs (Mavi) starts in Helsinki on 1 May 2007. The Agency is responsible for the support payments to agriculture and the rural areas and the related control as well as functions as the paying agency accredited by the EU. The Agency takes care of the payments of the export refunds and market support of the EU to the food industry and other beneficiaries as well as manages intervention storage in Finland.

From now on the Agency will manage all the paying agency tasks which so far have been administered in the Executive Division of the Department of Agriculture, Internal Audit Unit and Information Centre of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The tasks of the Intervention Unit are transferred to the Department of Market Support. The five units of the Department of Market Support see to the implementation of the support schemes, and the customers receive the same services as before.

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