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Further extension of the rights of establishment  
for farmers.

The Commission has adopted two proposed Council directives on freedom of establishment in agriculture.

The first will require Governments to ensure that farmers from other member states who are farming on their territory, are free to join co-operatives under the same conditions as apply to their own nationals. The right of establishment time-table provided for this move to come into effect from the beginning of the third stage of the transition period.

The second directive requires member States to abolish all restrictions on access to credit facilities for individuals or companies from other member States engaged in farming on their territory or establishing themselves there for that purpose. The credit facilities involved include repayable loans, but not grants and subsidies not subject to full repayment; the latter will be freed from restrictions at a later date.

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