Rebalancing Commercial Relations along the Food Supply Chain: The Agricultural Exemption

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This article analyses the legal framework governing the relationship between the EU's agricultural and competition policies before and after the adoption of Regulation 1308/2013 which lays down the new rules on the EU's common organisation of agricultural markets. Those rules intend to clarify the relationship between agricultural and competition policies and to rebalance commercial relations along the food supply chain, by strengthening the bargaining power of farmers and their associations. This article describes how Regulation 1308/2013 fits into previous policy developments and the increased attention of the European Commission and NCAs for competition in the food sector.

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