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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/399

of 19 January 2021

amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the amounts of Union support for rural development in the year 2021

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 58(7) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 11(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾, Member States are to reduce the amount of direct payments to be granted to a farmer for a given calendar year, pursuant to Chapter 1 of Title III of that Regulation, by at least 5 % for the part of the amount exceeding EUR 150 000. In accordance with Article 7(2) of that Regulation, the estimated product of that reduction is to be made available as additional support for measures under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).
- (2) In accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 11(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the Member States notified the Commission by 31 December 2019 of their decision with regard to the reduction of the amount of direct payments and the resulting estimated product of reduction for calendar year 2020. The notifications of Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Latvia, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom indicated an estimated product of reduction bigger than zero.
- (3) In accordance with the sixth subparagraph of Article 14(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom notified the Commission by 31 December 2019 of their decision to make available as additional support under the EAFRD in financial year 2021 a certain percentage of their annual national ceiling for direct payments for calendar year 2020.
- (4) In accordance with the sixth subparagraph of Article 14(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, Croatia, Hungary, Malta and Poland notified the Commission by 8 February 2020 of their decision to make available as direct payments for calendar year 2020 a certain amount of the support to be financed under the EAFRD in financial year 2021.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608).

- (5) On the basis of those notifications, Annexes II and III to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 were amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/756 ⁽³⁾.
- (6) However, in light of the exceptional circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Luxembourg and Portugal subsequently modified their initial transfer request. As a result, Annexes II and III to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 were amended again by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1314 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (7) It is therefore necessary to adapt the allocations for rural development laid down in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 for the year 2021.
- (8) In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 137(1) of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (Withdrawal Agreement), Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 as applicable in the year 2020 does not apply in the United Kingdom for claim year 2020. Therefore, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/756 did not set new ceilings for the year 2020 in respect of the United Kingdom. As the ceilings for direct payments for calendar year 2020 are to be taken into account for the support financed under the EAFRD in financial year 2021, and as the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement ends on 31 December 2020, there is no need to set ceilings for financial year 2021 in respect of the United Kingdom.
- (9) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (10) As the amendments made by this Regulation affect the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 for the year 2021, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and should apply from 1 January 2021,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2021.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 January 2021.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽³⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/756 of 1 April 2020 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 179, 9.6.2020, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1314 of 10 July 2020 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the national and net ceilings for direct payments for certain Member States for calendar year 2020 (OJ L 307, 22.9.2020, p. 1).

ANNEX

PART TWO: Breakdown of Union support for Rural Development (2021 and 2022)

(current prices in EUR)

	2021	2022
Belgium	101 120 350	82 800 894
Bulgaria	276 362 304	282 162 644
Czechia	317 532 230	259 187 708
Denmark	155 064 249	75 934 060
Germany	1 635 145 136	1 092 359 738
Estonia	107 500 074	88 016 648
Ireland	380 591 206	311 640 628
Greece	776 736 956	556 953 600
Spain	1 320 014 366	1 080 382 825
France	2 342 357 917	1 459 440 070
Croatia	320 884 794	297 307 401
Italy	1 654 587 531	1 349 921 375
Cyprus	29 029 670	23 770 514
Latvia	143 740 636	117 495 173
Lithuania	238 747 895	195 495 162
Luxembourg	13 190 338	12 310 644
Hungary	476 870 229	416 869 149
Malta	23 852 009	19 984 497
Netherlands	161 088 781	73 268 369
Austria	635 078 708	520 024 752
Poland	1 297 822 020	1 320 001 539
Portugal	575 185 863	540 550 620
Romania	1 181 006 852	967 049 892
Slovenia	134 545 025	110 170 192
Slovakia	318 199 138	259 077 909
Finland	432 995 097	354 549 956
Sweden	258 770 726	211 889 741
Total EU	15 308 020 100	12 078 615 700
Technical Assistance	36 969 860	30 272 220
Total	15 344 989 960	12 108 887 920

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/400**of 2 March 2021****establishing a fisheries closure for haddock in area 7a for vessels flying the flag of Belgium**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 ⁽²⁾ lays down quotas for 2020.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock of haddock in area 7a by vessels flying the flag of or registered in Belgium have exhausted the quota allocated for 2020.
- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit certain fishing activities for that stock.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to Belgium for the stock of haddock in area 7a for 2020 referred to in the Annex shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

*Article 2***Prohibitions**

1. Fishing for the stock referred to in Article 1 by vessels flying the flag of or registered in Belgium shall be prohibited from the date set out in the Annex. In particular it shall be prohibited to search for fish, shoot, set or haul a fishing gear for the purpose of fishing that stock.
2. Transshipping, retaining on board, processing on board, transferring, caging, fattening and landing of fish and fishery products from that stock caught by those vessels shall remain authorised for catches taken prior to that date.
3. Unintended catches of species from that stock by those vessels shall be brought and retained on board the fishing vessels, recorded, landed and counted against quotas in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 of 27 January 2020 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (OJ L 25, 30.1.2020, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22).

*Article 3***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 March 2021.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS
Member of the Commission*

ANNEX

No	37/TQ123
Member State	Belgium
Stock	HAD/07A.
Species	Haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)
Zone	7a
Closing date	24.12.2020

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/401
of 5 March 2021
fixing the import duties applicable to certain types of husked rice from 8 March 2021

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point (a) of the first paragraph of Article 183 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the United States of America relating to the method of calculation of applied duties for husked rice, approved by Council Decision 2005/476/EC ⁽²⁾, establishes a method for calculating duties applied to imports of husked rice.
- (2) On the basis of the information provided by the competent authorities, the Commission notes that import licences for husked rice falling within CN code 1006 20, other than import licences for basmati rice, were issued in respect of 146 056 tonnes for the period from 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021. The import duty for husked rice falling within CN code 1006 20, other than basmati rice, fixed by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1259 ⁽³⁾, should therefore be adjusted.
- (3) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1259 should therefore be repealed.
- (4) The applicable duty must be fixed within 10 days of the end of the period referred to above. This Regulation should therefore enter into force immediately,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import duty for husked rice falling within CN code 1006 20, other than basmati rice, shall be EUR 30 per tonne.

Article 2

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1259 is hereby repealed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 2005/476/EC of 21 June 2005 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the United States of America relating to the method of calculation of applied duties for husked rice and amending Decisions 2004/617/EC, 2004/618/EC and 2004/619/EC (OJ L 170, 1.7.2005, p. 67).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1259 of 8 September 2020 fixing the import duties applicable to certain types of husked rice from 9 September 2020 (OJ L 295, 9.9.2020, p. 4).

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 March 2021.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
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