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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2022/1225

of 14 July 2022

on temporary exceptional measures derogating from Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to address the market disturbance in the fruit and vegetables sector caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine

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 Article 219(1) in conjunction with Article 228 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Due to the current crisis caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, which commenced shortly after the COVID-19 crisis, farmers in all Member States are facing exceptional difficulties. Logistical problems have made farmers in the EU vulnerable to the economic disruption of supply chains caused by this crisis, and they are currently facing financial difficulties and cash-flow problems. In view of the ongoing market disturbances and the unprecedented combination of circumstances, farmers in all Member States have encountered exceptional difficulties in the planning, implementation and execution of aid schemes laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. It is therefore necessary to alleviate those the difficulties by derogating from certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (2) Recognised producer organisations and associations of producer organisations may implement, as part of their approved operational programmes, crisis prevention and management measures, as provided for in Article 33(3), first subparagraph, of that Regulation, that are intended to increase their resilience to market disturbances. However, pursuant to Article 33(3), fourth subparagraph, of that Regulation, these crisis prevention and management measures are not to comprise more than one third of the expenditure under the operational programme. In order to provide greater flexibility to those producer organisations and associations of producer organisations and to enable them to direct their resources available under their operational programmes towards addressing the market disturbances, that rule should not apply in the year 2022.
- (3) Specific measures are necessary to enable recognised producer organisations and associations of producer organisations, to manage their operational funds by allowing them to redirect funds, including Union financial assistance within the operational fund to the actions and measures that are necessary to address the consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. To ensure that recognised producer organisations and associations of producer organisations are able to do this, it is necessary to increase in the year 2022 the limit of Union financial assistance laid down in Article 34(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 from 50 % to 70 % of the actual expenditure incurred.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

- (4) On imperative grounds of urgency, in particular considering the ongoing market disturbances, their severe effects on the fruit and vegetables sector and their likely continuation and deterioration, it is necessary to take immediate action and urgently adopt measures to alleviate their negative effects. Delaying immediate action to address these market disturbances would risk aggravating them, which would be detrimental to the production and market conditions in the fruit and vegetables sector.
- (5) In view of the need to take immediate action, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Temporary derogations from Articles 33(3) and 34(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

By way of derogation from Article 33(3), fourth subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, the limit of one third of the expenditure under the operational programme for crisis prevention and management measures in the fruit and vegetables sector referred to in that provision shall not apply in the year 2022.

By way of derogation from Article 34(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, the Union financial assistance to the operational fund in the year 2022 shall not exceed the amount of the Union financial contribution to operational funds approved by Member States for the year 2022 and shall be limited to 70 % of the actual expenditure incurred.

Article 2

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, 14 July 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/1226
of 14 July 2022
granting a Union authorisation for the single biocidal product ‘Bioquell HPV-AQ’
(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 44(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 19 January 2017, Ecolab Deutschland GmbH submitted an application, in accordance with Article 43(1) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, for authorisation of a single biocidal product named ‘Bioquell HPV-AQ’ of product-types 2, 3 and 4 as described in Annex V to that Regulation, providing written confirmation that the competent authority of the Netherlands had agreed to evaluate the application. The application was recorded under case number BC-ML029042-45 in the Register for Biocidal Products.
- (2) ‘Bioquell HPV-AQ’ contains hydrogen peroxide as the active substance, which is included in the Union list of approved active substances referred to in Article 9(2) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 for product-types 2, 3 and 4.
- (3) On 29 March 2021, the evaluating competent authority submitted, in accordance with Article 44(1) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, an assessment report and the conclusions of its evaluation to the European Chemicals Agency (‘the Agency’).
- (4) On 4 November 2021, the Agency submitted to the Commission an opinion ⁽²⁾, the draft summary of the biocidal product characteristics (‘SPC’) of ‘Bioquell HPV-AQ’ and the final assessment report on the single biocidal product in accordance with Article 44(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.
- (5) The opinion concludes that the biocidal product ‘Bioquell HPV-AQ’ is eligible for Union authorisation in accordance with Article 42(1) of that Regulation and that, subject to compliance with the draft SPC, it meets the conditions laid down in Article 19(1) of that Regulation.
- (6) On 25 November 2021, the Agency transmitted to the Commission the draft SPC in all the official languages of the Union in accordance with Article 44(4) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.
- (7) The Commission concurs with the opinion of the Agency and considers it therefore appropriate to grant a Union authorisation for ‘Bioquell HPV-AQ’.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Biocidal Products,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ ECHA opinion of 13 October 2021 on the Union authorisation of ‘Bioquell HPV-AQ’ (ECHA/BPC/296/2021), <https://echa.europa.eu/bpc-opinions-on-union-authorisation>

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A Union authorisation with authorisation number EU-0027469-0000 is granted to Ecolab Deutschland GmbH for the making available on the market and use of the single biocidal product 'Bioquell HPV-AQ', in accordance with the summary of the biocidal product characteristics set out in the Annex.

The Union authorisation is valid from 7 August 2022 until 31 July 2032.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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, 14 July 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Summary of product characteristics for a biocidal product

Bioquell HPV-AQ

Product type 2 - Disinfectants and algaecides not intended for direct application to humans or animals (Disinfectants)

Product type 3 - Veterinary hygiene (Disinfectants)

Product type 4 - Food and feed area (Disinfectants)

Product type 2 - Disinfectants and algaecides not intended for direct application to humans or animals (Disinfectants)

Product type 3 - Veterinary hygiene (Disinfectants)

Product type 4 - Food and feed area (Disinfectants)

Authorisation number: EU-0027469-0000

R4BP asset number: EU-0027469-0000

1. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1.1. **Trade name(s) of the product**

Trade name(s)	Bioquell HPV-AQ
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1.2. **Authorisation holder**

Name and address of the authorisation holder	Name	Ecolab Deutschland GmbH
	Address	Ecolab Allee 1, 40789 Monheim am Rhein Germany
Authorisation number	EU-0027469-0000	
R4BP asset number	EU-0027469-0000	
Date of the authorisation	7.8.2022	
Expiry date of the authorisation	31.7.2032	

1.3. **Manufacturer(s) of the product**

Name of manufacturer	Ecolab SNC
Address of manufacturer	153 Quai de Rancy, Bonneuil-sur-Marne, 94380 Paris France
Location of manufacturing sites	153 Quai de Rancy, Bonneuil-sur-Marne, 94380 Paris France 53 Royce Close, SP10 3TS Andover United Kingdom Unit E4, Eastway Business Park, Ballysimon Road, V94 K267 Limerick Ireland

1.4. **Manufacturer(s) of the active substance(s)**

Active substance	Hydrogen peroxide
Name of manufacturer	Evonik Peroxide Spain
Address of manufacturer	Beethoven 15, Sobreatico, 08021 Barcelona Spain
Location of manufacturing sites	C/ Afueras s/n La Zaida, 50784 Zaragoza Spain

2. **PRODUCT COMPOSITION AND FORMULATION**2.1. **Qualitative and quantitative information on the composition of the product**

Common name	IUPAC name	Function	CAS number	EC number	Content (%)
Hydrogen peroxide		Active Substance	7722-84-1	231-765-0	35,0

2.2. **Type of formulation**

HN - Hot fogging concentrate

3. **HAZARD AND PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

Hazard statements	May intensify fire; oxidiser Harmful if swallowed. Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye damage. May cause respiratory irritation. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.
Precautionary statements	Keep away from clothing and other combustible materials. Avoid breathing vapours. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid release to the environment. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection. IF SWALLOWED: Call a Poison Centre or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention. Take off contaminated clothing. And wash it before reuse. IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell. In case of fire: Use water to extinguish. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up. Dispose of contents to waste in accordance with applicable local, national and international regulations.

4. AUTHORISED USE(S)

4.1. Use description

Table 1.

Use # 1 – Surface disinfection in small (0,25 m³-4 m³) enclosures

Product type	PT02 - Disinfectants and algicides not intended for direct application to humans or animals (Disinfectants) PT03 - Veterinary hygiene (Disinfectants) PT04 - Food and feed area (Disinfectants)
Where relevant, an exact description of the authorised use	-
Target organism(s) (including development stage)	Common name: Bacteria Development stage: Common name: bacteria spores Development stage: Common name: Mycobacteria Development stage: Common name: Fungi Development stage: Common name: Yeasts Development stage: Common name: Viruses Development stage: Common name: bacteriophage Development stage:
Field(s) of use	Indoor Hard, non-porous surfaces in small (0,25 m ³ to 4 m ³) sealed enclosures by vaporisation, with prior cleaning. PT2 – clean conditions in, for example, isolators, pass-through chambers, cabinets, material airlocks, cupboards, filling lines, emergency vehicles. PT3 – pre-cleaned animal cages/racks within biomedical and animal laboratory facilities PT4 – clean conditions in, for example, aseptic filling lines, storage containers.
Application method(s)	Method: vaporisation Detailed description: Vaporisation with Bioquell Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour system followed by micro condensation – to deliver the disinfectant to surfaces in closed systems. Temperature range: room temperature Humidity range: 10 %-80 %
Application rate(s) and frequency	Application Rate: 100 g/m ³ of undiluted product, contact time of 35 minutes (after diffusion). Dilution (%): 0

	Number and timing of application: Users should carry out decontaminations in line with their requirements and operating procedures
Category(ies) of users	Professional
Pack sizes and packaging material	75 ml, 150 ml, 500 ml, 950 ml, 1 000 ml, 2 000 ml, 5 000 ml and 25 L. Bottles are constructed of HDPE

4.1.1. *Use-specific instructions for use*

See general directions for use.

4.1.2. *Use-specific risk mitigation measures*

See general directions for use.

4.1.3. *Where specific to the use, the particulars of likely direct or indirect effects, first aid instructions and emergency measures to protect the environment*

See general directions for use.

4.1.4. *Where specific to the use, the instructions for safe disposal of the product and its packaging*

Only recycle completely emptied packaging. Dispose of any residual product in accordance with EWC 160903

4.1.5. *Where specific to the use, the conditions of storage and shelf-life of the product under normal conditions of storage*

Protect from frost. Do not store at temperatures above 35 °C

Shelf life 18 months.

4.2. **Use description**

Table 2.

Use # 2 – Surface disinfection within large (> 4 m³) enclosures

Product type	PT02 - Disinfectants and algacides not intended for direct application to humans or animals (Disinfectants) PT03 - Veterinary hygiene (Disinfectants) PT04 - Food and feed area (Disinfectants)
Where relevant, an exact description of the authorised use	-
Target organism(s) (including development stage)	Common name: Bacteria Development stage: Common name: Mycobacteria Development stage: Common name: Bacteria spores Development stage: Common name: Fungi Development stage: Common name: Yeasts Development stage:

	Common name: Viruses Development stage: Common name: bacteriophages Development stage:
Field(s) of use	Indoor Hard, non-porous surfaces in large (> 4 m³) sealed enclosures by vapourisation, with prior cleaning. PT2 – clean conditions in, for example hospitals, clean rooms, aseptic processing facilities, laboratories, nursing homes, research facilities, schools, cruise ships, emergency vehicles, veterinary hospitals (excluding animal housing), laboratories in veterinary institutions PT3 – pre-cleaned animal cages/racks within biomedical and animal laboratory facilities. PT4 – clean conditions in, for example, aseptic filling lines, food production facilities, storage containers
Application method(s)	Method: vapourisation Detailed description: Vapourisation with Bioquell Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour system followed by micro condensation – to deliver the disinfectant to surfaces in closed systems. Temperature range: Room temperature Humidity range: 10 %-80 %
Application rate(s) and frequency	Application Rate: 10 g/m³ of undiluted product, contact time of 35 minutes (after diffusion) Dilution (%): 0 Number and timing of application: Users should carry out decontaminations in line with their requirements and operating procedures.
Category(ies) of users	Professional
Pack sizes and packaging material	75 ml, 150 ml, 500 ml, 950 ml, 1 000 ml, 2 000 ml, 5 000 ml and 25 L. Bottles are constructed of HDPE.

4.2.1. Use-specific instructions for use

See general directions for use

4.2.2. Use-specific risk mitigation measures

See general directions for use

4.2.3. Where specific to the use, the particulars of likely direct or indirect effects, first aid instructions and emergency measures to protect the environment

See general directions for use

4.2.4. *Where specific to the use, the instructions for safe disposal of the product and its packaging*

Only recycle completely emptied packaging. Dispose of any residual product in accordance with EWC 160903

4.2.5. *Where specific to the use, the conditions of storage and shelf-life of the product under normal conditions of storage*

Protect from frost. Do not store at temperatures above 35 °C. Shelf life 18 months.

5. GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR USE ⁽¹⁾

5.1. **Instructions for use**

Surfaces must be pre-cleaned and dry before disinfection and cupboard doors and drawers should be opened for the process to be effective.

Users should carry out decontaminations in line with their requirements and operating procedures.

For disinfection of pre-cleaned animal cages/racks within biomedical and animal laboratory facilities, disinfection can only take place on thoroughly cleaned non-porous surfaces (PT3), when possible use automated washing machines.

Do not mix with detergents or other chemicals. Undiluted.

Bioquell HPV-AQ is to be used with a Bioquell vaporisation module as a disinfectant for surfaces and other inanimate objects in enclosures.

Seal the enclosure (e.g. with tape) to ensure no leakage of the vaporised active substance outside the enclosure prior to initiating a cycle.

Refer to the Bioquell HPV-AQ Labelling insert prior to running a cycle.

At the end of the dwell period, the aeration phase is activated which removes the hydrogen peroxide. The aeration phase is deactivated by the user when the enclosure has been confirmed to be less than or equal to 1,25 mg/m³ (0,9 ppm) using an independent calibrated low-level hydrogen peroxide sensor.

Biological validation should be performed for enclosures to be disinfected. Where environmental conditions within an enclosure are well controlled, a protocol for disinfection of the enclosure should be made and used thereafter. Validated quantitative chemical indicators can be used in place of biological indicators for routine disinfection.

Biological or chemical indicators shall be placed in the enclosure to validate the cycle.

Users should not carry out manual cleaning operations (for example sweeping) immediately post-decontamination.

5.2. **Risk mitigation measures**

No person or animals are allowed to be present in a room during treatment.

Treated areas may not be entered until the concentration of hydrogen peroxide is $\leq 0,9$ ppm (1,25 mg/m³).

The professional user may only enter the room in emergency situations when the hydrogen peroxide level has dropped below 36 ppm (50 mg/m³) considering RPE with APF 40 (Type of RPE to be specified by the authorisation holder within the product information) and suitable protective equipment (gloves, eye protection, coverall) must be worn.

Use a calibrated sensor to confirm the enclosure is $\leq 0,9$ ppm (1,25 mg/m³) prior to re-entry.

When opening the container and preparing contents wear suitable personal protective equipment (gloves, eye protection, coverall).

Wash hands after use.

⁽¹⁾ Instructions for use, risk mitigation measures and other directions for use under this section are valid for any authorised uses.

5.3. **Particulars of likely direct or indirect effects, first aid instructions and emergency measures to protect the environment**

Possible exposure effects:

Skin – chemical burn – transient, non-permanent whitening of the skin

Eyes – potential for permanent damage

Inhalation - irritation of the throat and nose

IF INHALED: Move to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

If symptoms: Call 112/ambulance for medical assistance.

If no symptoms: Call a POISON CENTRE or a doctor.

Information to Healthcare personnel/doctor:

Initiate life support measures if needed, thereafter call a POISON CENTRE.

IF SWALLOWED: Immediately rinse mouth. Give something to drink, if exposed person is able to swallow. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call 112/ambulance for medical assistance.

IF ON SKIN: Take off all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Wash skin with water. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice.

IF IN EYES: Immediately rinse with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. continue rinsing for at least 15 minutes. Call 112/ambulance for medical assistance.

5.4. **Instructions for safe disposal of the product and its packaging**

Do not discharge unused product on the ground, into water courses, into pipes (sink, toilets...) nor down the drains. Dispose of unused product, its packaging and all other waste, in accordance with local regulations.

5.5. **Conditions of storage and shelf-life of the product under normal conditions of storage**

Protect from Frost. Do not store at temperatures above 35 °C.

Shelf life 18 months.

6. **OTHER INFORMATION**

Bioquell HPV-AQ is not intended for use as a terminal sterilant/disinfectant for medical devices.

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/1227**of 15 July 2022****amending Implementing Regulations (EU) No 808/2014 and (EU) No 809/2014 as regards a specific measure to provide exceptional temporary support under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) in response to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine**

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 8(3), Article 12, Article 67 and Article 75(5) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 62(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 4(2) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 ⁽³⁾ sets the maximum number of amendments to rural development programmes that Member States may submit to the Commission. In order to increase the flexibility for Member States to use rural development programmes in response to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the maximum number of amendments referred to in that Article should not apply to proposals to amend rural development programmes made in response to the consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine that also include amendments not linked to this event, provided that these proposals are submitted to the Commission by 30 June 2023.
- (2) Using EAFRD support for operations mitigating the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and recovery actions could mean that other objectives and targets of rural development programmes may not be achieved as planned. Such support should therefore be monitored at Union level in order to be able to explain and justify the use of EAFRD funding for those purposes.
- (3) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 lays down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013. Regulation (EU) 2022/1033 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾ has amended Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 by introducing a specific measure to provide exceptional temporary support under the EAFRD in response to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in a new Article 39c. Therefore, the rules for the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 should be amended to provide for a measure code and the appropriate output indicator for the new measure.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549.

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 227, 31.7.2014, p. 18).

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) 2022/1033 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 June 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 as regards a specific measure to provide exceptional temporary support under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) in response to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine (OJ L 173, 30.6.2022, p. 34).

- (4) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 ⁽⁵⁾ laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 with regard to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance, should also be amended to include the new measure for exceptional temporary support in response to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine under the relevant provisions of Title IV that apply to the non-area-related and non-animal-related rural development measures.
- (5) Implementing Regulations (EU) No 808/2014 and (EU) No 809/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) Given the urgency related to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Rural Development Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendments to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014

Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 4(2), third subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) in case emergency measures due to natural disasters, catastrophic events or adverse climatic events formally recognised by the competent national public authority, or due to a significant and sudden change in the socioeconomic conditions of the Member State or region, including significant and sudden demographic changes resulting from migration or reception of refugees, need to be taken. Where an amendment of the rural development programme in response to the COVID-19 crisis is combined with amendments not linked to the crisis, this subparagraph shall apply to all combined amendments, provided that the proposal to amend the rural development programme is submitted to the Commission by 30 June 2021. Where an amendment of the rural development programme in response to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine is combined with amendments not linked to this event, this subparagraph shall apply to all combined amendments, provided that the proposal to amend the rural development programme is submitted to the Commission by 30 June 2023;’

- (2) in Article 14, paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

‘4. For types of operations where a potential contribution to focus areas referred to in Article 5, first paragraph, point (2) (a), Article 5, first paragraph, points (5)(a) to (d), and Article 5, first paragraph, point(6)(a), of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 is identified, for types of operations where a potential contribution to the integration of third-country nationals is identified, for types of operations supporting mitigation of the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and recovery actions, or for types of operations supporting mitigation of the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and recovery actions, the electronic record of the operations referred to in Article 70 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 shall include flag(s) to identify those cases where the operation has a component contributing to one or more of those focus areas or goals.’;

- (3) Annex I is amended as set out in Annex I to this Regulation;
- (4) Annex IV is amended as set out in Annex II to this Regulation;
- (5) Annex VII is amended as set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance (OJ L 227, 31.7.2014, p. 69).

*Article 2***Amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014**

Article 46 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 is replaced by the following:

'Article 46

Scope

This Title shall apply to expenditure incurred under the measures provided for in Articles 14 to 20, Article 21(1) with the exception of the annual premium under points (a) and (b), Article 27, Article 28(9), Articles 35, 36, 39b and 39c and Article 51(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, in Article 35(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and in Article 20, Article 36, points (a)(vi), (b)(ii), (vi) and (vii), Article 36, points (b)(i) and (iii) as far as the establishment cost is concerned, and Articles 52 and 63 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.'

*Article 3***Entry into force**

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, 15 July 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX I

In the table in Part 5 of Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014, the following row is added:

'Article 39c of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013	exceptional temporary support to farmers and SMEs particularly affected by the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine	22	exceptional temporary support to farmers and SMEs particularly affected by the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine	22'
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ANNEX II

In the table in point 3 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014, the row concerning output indicator O.4 is replaced by the following:

'O.4	Number of holdings/beneficiaries supported	3 (Article 16), 4.1 (Article 17), 5 (Article 18), 6 (Article 19), 8.1 to 8.4 (Article 21), 11 (Article 29), 12 (Article 30), 13 (Article 31), 14 (Article 33), 17.1 (Article 36), 21 (Article 39b), 22 (Article 39c) (Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013)
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ANNEX III

In point 1(b) of Annex VII to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014, the entry concerning 'Table C' is replaced by the following:

- Table C: Breakdown for relevant outputs and measures by type of area, gender and/or age, by operation for operations contributing to the integration of third-country nationals, by operation and type of support for operations supporting mitigation of the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and recovery actions and by operation and type of support for operations supporting mitigation of the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and recovery actions'
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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/1228**of 14 July 2022****derogating from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892 for the year 2022 as regards applications for aid as well as applications for advance payments and for partial payments due to the crisis caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine**

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 Article 38(c), (e) and (l), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Due to the current crisis caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, which commenced shortly after the COVID-19 crisis, farmers in all Member States are facing exceptional difficulties. Logistical problems have made farmers in the EU vulnerable to the economic disruption caused by this crisis, and they are currently facing financial difficulties and cash-flow problems. In view of the ongoing market disturbances and the unprecedented combination of circumstances, farmers in all Member States have encountered exceptional difficulties in the planning, implementation and execution of aid schemes laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. It is therefore necessary to alleviate those difficulties by derogating from certain provisions of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892, producer organisations are to submit an application for aid, or for the balance thereof, to the competent authority of the Member State for each operational programme for which aid is requested by 15 February of the year following the year for which the aid is requested. Pursuant to Article 9(3), first subparagraph, of that Implementing Regulation, the aid applications may cover expenditure programmed but not incurred if certain elements are proved. Those elements include that the operations concerned could not be carried out by 31 December of the year of the implementation of the operational programme, for reasons outside the control of the producer organisation concerned and that those operations can be carried out by 30 April of the year following the year for which the aid is requested. In view of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, it is appropriate to derogate from Article 9(3), first subparagraph, point (b), of that Implementing Regulation and provide that the aid applications to be submitted by 15 February 2023 may cover expenditure for operations programmed for the year 2022 but not carried out by 31 December 2022, if those operations can be carried out by 15 August 2023.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 11(1), first subparagraph, of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892 applications for advance payments may be submitted as decided by the Member State, either on a three-monthly basis in January, April, July and October or on a four-monthly basis in January, May and September. Pursuant to Article 12(2) of that Implementing Regulation, applications for partial payments may be submitted at any time, but no more than three times each year. In order to allow flexibility for the management of operational programmes by recognised producer organisations, including their financing, it is appropriate to derogate from those provisions and provide that applications for advance payments may be submitted at any time in the year 2022 and that applications for partial payments may be submitted more than three times in the year 2022.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892 of 13 March 2017 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors (OJ L 138, 25.5.2017, p. 57).

- (4) In view of the necessity to take immediate action, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. As the operational programmes are implemented on the basis of a calendar year, the derogations relating to the applications for advance and partial payments provided for in this Regulation should apply retroactively from 1 January 2022.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Derogations from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892

1. By way of derogation from Article 9(3), first subparagraph, point (b), of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892, the aid applications to be submitted by 15 February 2023 may cover expenditure for operations programmed for the year 2022 but not carried out by 31 December 2022 if those operations can be carried out by 15 August 2023.
2. By way of derogation from Article 11(1), first subparagraph, of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892, applications for advance payments may be submitted at any time in the year 2022.
3. By way of derogation from Article 12(2), of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892, applications for partial payments may be submitted more than three times in the year 2022.

Article 2

Entry into force and application

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

Article 1(2) and (3) shall apply from 1 January 2022.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 July 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

DECISIONS

COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2022/1229

of 11 July 2022

amending Decisions 2014/312/EU, 2014/391/EU, 2014/763/EU, (EU) 2016/1332 and (EU) 2017/176 as regards the period of validity of the EU Ecolabel criteria and of the related assessment and verification requirements

(notified under document C(2022)4739)

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the EU Ecolabel ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

After consulting the European Union Ecolabelling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 provides that the EU Ecolabel may be awarded to products with a reduced environmental impact during their entire life cycle. Specific EU Ecolabel criteria are to be established for each product group.
- (2) By Decision 2014/312/EU ⁽²⁾, the Commission established EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group 'indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes'. The validity of those criteria and of the related assessment and verification requirements is to expire on 31 December 2022.
- (3) By Decision 2014/391/EU ⁽³⁾, the Commission established EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group 'bed mattresses'. The validity of those criteria and of the related assessment and verification requirements is to expire on 28 July 2022.
- (4) By Decision 2014/763/EU ⁽⁴⁾, the Commission established EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group 'absorbent hygiene products'. The validity of those criteria and of the related assessment and verification requirements is to expire on 31 December 2022.
- (5) By Decision (EU) 2016/1332 ⁽⁵⁾, the Commission established EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group 'furniture'. The validity of those criteria and of the related assessment and verification requirements is to expire on 28 July 2022.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2014/312/EU of 28 May 2014 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes (OJ L 164, 3.6.2014, p. 45).

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision 2014/391/EU of 23 June 2014 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for bed mattresses (OJ L 184, 25.6.2014, p. 18).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Decision 2014/763/EU of 24 October 2014 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for absorbent hygiene products (OJ L 320, 6.11.2014, p. 46).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Decision (EU) 2016/1332 of 28 July 2016 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for furniture (OJ L 210, 4.8.2016, p. 100).

- (6) By Decision (EU) 2017/176 ⁽⁶⁾, the Commission established EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group 'wood-, cork- and bamboo-based floor coverings'. The validity of those criteria and of the related assessment and verification requirements is to expire on 26 January 2023.
- (7) In line with the conclusions of the EU Ecolabel Fitness check of 30 June 2017 ⁽⁷⁾, the Commission, together with the EU Ecolabelling Board, assessed and confirmed the relevance of the above mentioned product groups for the EU Ecolabel scheme.
- (8) Moreover, in line with the conclusions of the EU Ecolabel Fitness check of 30 June 2017, the Commission, together with the EU Ecolabelling Board, is implementing solutions to improve synergies across product groups and to increase the uptake of EU Ecolabel, including bundling of closely related product groups where appropriate and ensuring that, during the revision process, appropriate attention is paid to the coherence between relevant EU policies, legislation and scientific evidence.
- (9) To further facilitate the transition to a more circular economy, the Commission is testing the integration of the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) method ⁽⁸⁾ in the revision of the EU Ecolabel criteria for absorbent hygiene products and for indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes in line with the New Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive Europe ⁽⁹⁾. It is therefore appropriate to prolong the validity of the EU Ecolabel criteria set out in Decisions 2014/312/EU and 2014/763/EU in order for the Commission to carry out the revision of the criteria for indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes once the industry has finalised the revision process of Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules for decorative paints ⁽¹⁰⁾, and to finalise the ongoing revision of the criteria for absorbent hygiene products, that is taking longer than originally planned, by integrating the results of PEF studies.
- (10) For the same reason, the EU Ecolabel criteria for bed mattresses, furniture and for wood-, cork- and bamboo-based floor coverings are to be revised in line with the New Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive Europe and related forthcoming legislative initiatives. It is therefore appropriate to prolong the validity of the EU Ecolabel criteria set out in Decisions 2014/391/EU, (EU) 2016/1332 and (EU) 2017/176 until the same end date in order for the Commission to revise the criteria for the three product groups together, in synergy with forthcoming legislative initiatives, and bundling them if deemed possible.
- (11) In order to allow sufficient time to finalise the revision processes for all product groups, and to ensure market continuity to licence holders, the period of validity of the current criteria and of the related assessment and verification requirements should be prolonged until 31 December 2025 for indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes, until 31 December 2026 for bed mattresses, until 31 December 2023 for absorbent hygiene products and until 31 December 2026 for furniture and for wood-, cork- and bamboo-based floor coverings.
- (12) Decisions 2014/312/EU, 2014/391/EU, 2014/763/EU, (EU) 2016/1332 and (EU) 2017/176 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 66/2010,

⁽⁶⁾ Commission Decision (EU) 2017/176 of 25 January 2017 on establishing EU Ecolabel criteria for wood-, cork- and bamboo-based floor coverings (OJ L 28, 2.2.2017, p. 44).

⁽⁷⁾ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the review of implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on 25 November 2009 on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS) and the Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 of the Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the EU Ecolabel (COM(2017) 355 final).

⁽⁸⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eussd/smgp/policy_footprint.htm

⁽⁹⁾ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, A new Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive Europe (COM(2020) 98 final).

⁽¹⁰⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eussd/smgp/documents/PEFCR_Decorative%20Paints_Feb%202020.pdf

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Amendment to Decision 2014/312/EU

Article 4 of Decision 2014/312/EU is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group “indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes” and the related assessment and verification requirements shall be valid until 31 December 2025.’

Article 2

Amendment to Decision 2014/391/EU

Article 4 of Decision 2014/391/EU is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group “bed mattresses” and the related assessment and verification requirements shall be valid until 31 December 2026.’

Article 3

Amendment to Decision 2014/763/EU

Article 4 of Decision 2014/763/EU is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group “absorbent hygiene products” and the related assessment and verification requirements shall be valid until 31 December 2023.’

Article 4

Amendment to Decision (EU) 2016/1332

Article 4 of Decision (EU) 2016/1332 is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group “furniture” and the related assessment and verification requirements shall be valid until 31 December 2026.’

Article 5

Amendment to Decision (EU) 2017/176

Article 4 of Decision (EU) 2017/176 is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group “wood-, cork- and bamboo- based floor coverings” and the related assessment and verification requirements shall be valid until 31 December 2026.’

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 July 2022.

For the Commission
Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS
Member of the Commission

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus*(Official Journal of the European Union L 67 of 2 March 2022)*

On page 6, in Article 1(6), in the new Article 1fb

for: 'Article 1fb

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