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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009 of 30 November 2009 setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Union[(1)], and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 5(1), Articles 5a(2), 5b(7), 6(5), 7(2), the third and fourth subparagraphs of Article 8(3) and Article 19(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 10 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220[(2)] lays down methods and deadlines for data transmission to the Commission. Due to the COVID#19 pandemic, in the year 2020, some Member States are facing exceptional administrative difficulties which might affect the timely submission of the farm returns to the Commission as regards the accounting year 2019. In order to facilitate the work of the Member States under similar exceptional circumstances, the Commission should have the possibility to extend the deadline for data submission under certain conditions. The proposed amendment should apply as from the accounting year 2019.

(2) Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 sets out the correspondence between the headings referred to in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1874[(3)] and the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) farm returns. In that Annex, the terms ‘standard output’ (SO) and ‘standard output coefficient’ (SOC) are defined. Both terms and abbreviations should be indicated in both English and the language of the respective EU official language version. However, in order to facilitate comparison and analysis, Section A ‘Particular types of farming specialisation’ and Section B ‘Table of correspondence and regrouping codes’ in Annex IV should consist of only English abbreviations (SO or SOC). In addition, the wording and the formatting of the Tables of Annex IV should be improved and clarified. It is therefore appropriate to replace Annex IV by a new text.

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(3) Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 sets out the form and layout of the accountancy data contained in the farm returns. Three new variables that relate to the Producer Organisations (POs) should be added in Table A of that Annex. The objective of improving the position of farmers in the agri-food chain is supported by various common agricultural policy (CAP) measures. Collecting data on the farmers' participation in producer organisations will therefore give valuable insight on the effects of the CAP. The proposed new variables should apply to all Member States as from the accounting year 2023. Member States which are unable to submit data for some or all of the three new variables may be exempted if they submit a duly justified request to the Commission before 31 May 2021. On a voluntary basis Member States should have the possibility to submit the data relating to the new variables as from accounting year 2021.

(4) Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 sets out the form and layout of the accountancy data contained in the farm returns. It is necessary to improve terms used in the Table C and Table I of Annex VIII. It is therefore necessary to replace those tables.

(5) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 should therefore be amended accordingly. The proposed amendment should apply as from the accounting year 2021.

(6) The Committee for the Farm Accountancy Data Network has not delivered an opinion within the time limit laid down by its chair,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 10, paragraph 3 the following subparagraph is added:

> In the case of exceptional circumstances that may disrupt data delivery, the Member States shall promptly inform the Commission about the status of the data collection and data delivery as well as propose a solution for data delivery. After the analysis of information provided, the Commission may exceptionally extend the deadline referred to in the first subparagraph once by maximum 3 months.;

(2) Annex IV is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Regulation;

(3) Annex VIII is amended in accordance with the Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from the accounting year 2021.

However:

(a) Article 1(1) shall apply from the entry into force of this Regulation as regards the submission of farm returns for the accounting year 2019;

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(b) Article 1(3) as regards the variables A.OT.230.C, A.OT.231.C and A.OT.232.C introduced in Table A of Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 shall apply from the accounting year 2023.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 November 2020.

For the Commission

The President

Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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ANNEX I

ANNEX IV

PARTICULAR TYPES OF FARMING SPECIALISATIONS AND THEIR CORRESPONDENCE WITH GENERAL AND PRINCIPAL TYPES OF FARMING (ARTICLE 4)

The following definitions apply:

(a) **Standard output (SO)** is the standard value of gross production. The SO is used for classifying farms according to the Union farm typology (in which the type of farming is defined by main production activities) and for determining economic farm size.

(b) **Standard output coefficient (SOC)** is the average monetary value of gross production of each agricultural variable referred to in Article 6(1), corresponding to the average situation in a given region, per unit of production. SOCs are calculated at farm-gate price, in euro per hectare of crop or euro per head of livestock (exceptions apply for mushrooms in euro per 100 m^2, poultry in euro per 100 heads and bees in euro per hive). VAT, taxes and subsidies are not included in the farm-gate price. SOCs are updated at least every time a European survey on the structure of agricultural holdings is conducted.

(c) **Total SO of a holding** is the sum of the individual production units of a specific holding multiplied by their respective SOC.

A. PARTICULAR TYPES OF FARMING SPECIALISATION

The particular types of farming specialisation are defined by two features:

(a) The nature of the variables concerned

The variables refer to the relevant list of variables surveyed in the IFS data collections: they are indicated by using the codes presented in the table of correspondence in Part B.I of this Annex or by a code regrouping several of those variables as set out in Part B.II of this Annex[(4)].

(b) The conditions determining the class limits

Unless otherwise indicated, these conditions are expressed as fractions of the total SO of the holding.

All conditions indicated for particular types of farming specialisation have to be met cumulatively in order for the holding to be classified under the related particular type of farming specialisation.

Specialist holdings – crop products

Types of farming(* for better readability the six columns under this heading are reproduced in Part C of this Annex)						**Methods for the calculation of particular types of farming specialisationsIF (C1) AND (C2) AND (C3) THEN (S1)**	
General	**Description**	**Principal**	**Description**	**Particular specialisations**	**Description**	**Description (S1) of the calculation (C1)**	**Code of variables and conditions(ref. Part B of this Annex) (C2)**

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							Condition 1(C1)	**Condition 2(C2)**	**Condition 3(C3)**
1	Specialist field crops								
		15	Specialist cereals oilseeds and protein crops						
				151	Specialist cereals (other than rice), oilseeds and protein crops	Cereals, excluding rice, oilseeds, dried pulses and protein crops > 2/3	P1 > 2/3	P15 + P16 + SO_CLND014 > 2/3	P151 + P16 + SO_CLND014 > 2/3
				152	Specialist rice	Rice > 2/3	P1 > 2/3	P15 + P16 + SO_CLND014 > 2/3	SO_CLND013 > 2/3
				153	Cereals, oilseeds, protein crops and rice combined	Holdings meeting conditions C1 and C2, excluding holdings in classes 151 and 152	P1 > 2/3	P15 + P16 + SO_CLND014 > 2/3	
		16	General field cropping						
				161	Specialist root crops	Potatoes, sugar beet and other root	P1 > 2/3	P15 + P16 + SO_CLND014 ≤ 2/3	P17 > 2/3