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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 185 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Within the context of the agreements concluded under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations[(2)], the Union has committed to allowing Spain to import a quantity of 300 000 tonnes of sorghum per year.

(2) Between 1 January 2020 and 26 April 2020, 43 069 tonnes of sorghum were imported into Spain. During that period, the import duty for sorghum was set at EUR 0 per tonne, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 642/2010[(3)]. Since 27 April 2020, and following the introduction of an import duty of more than zero for sorghum in accordance with that Regulation, 2 366 tonnes of sorghum have been imported into Spain.

(3) To ensure that import quotas are fully used, Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008[(4)] provides that a reduction may be applied to the import duty fixed in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 642/2010.

(4) In order to facilitate the import flow of sorghum in Spain until the end of the year 2020, it is necessary to apply a flat-rate reduction of 100 % to the import duty fixed in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 642/2010 as regards the quantities of sorghum to be imported into Spain under the tariff quota opened on 1 January 2020 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A flat-rate reduction of the import duty for sorghum, as referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008, is established at 100 % of the import duty for sorghum fixed in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 642/2010. This reduction shall apply to the available balance of the quantities of sorghum to be imported into Spain under the tariff quota opened on 1 January 2020 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1296/2008.

Article 2

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

It shall apply until 31 December 2020.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 July 2020.

For the Commission

The President

Ursula VON DER LEYEN