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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 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[(1)], and in particular Articles 22(1), 36(4), 42(2), 47(3), 49(2), 51(4) and 53(7) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) For each Member State implementing the basic payment scheme provided for in Chapter 1 of Title III of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the annual national ceiling referred to in Article 22(1) of that Regulation for 2016 has to be set by the Commission by deducting from the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II to that Regulation the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 42, 47, 49, 51 and 53 of that Regulation. In accordance with Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 any increases applied by Member States pursuant to that provision are to be taken into account.

(2) For each Member State implementing the single area payment scheme provided for in Chapter 1 of Title III of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the annual national ceiling referred to in Article 36(4) of that Regulation for 2016 has to be set by the Commission by deducting from the annual national ceiling set out in Annex II to that Regulation the ceilings fixed in accordance with Articles 42, 47, 49, 51 and 53 of that Regulation.

(3) For each Member State granting the redistributive payment provided for in Chapter 2 of Title III of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the annual national ceiling referred to in Article 42(2) of that Regulation for 2016 has to be set by the Commission on the basis of the percentage notified by those Member States pursuant to Article 42(1) of that Regulation.

(4) In relation to the payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment provided for in Chapter 3 of Title III of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 in 2016, the annual national ceilings referred to in Article 47(3) of that Regulation for 2016 have to be calculated in accordance with Article 47(1) of that Regulation and

amounting to 30 % of the national ceiling of the relevant Member State as set out in Annex II to that Regulation.

(5) For Member States granting the payment for areas with natural constraints provided for in Chapter 4 of Title III of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the annual national ceilings referred to in Article 49(2) of that Regulation for 2016 have to be set by the Commission on the basis of the percentage notified by the relevant Member States pursuant to Article 49(1) of that Regulation.

(6) In relation to the payment for young farmers provided for in Chapter 5 of Title III of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the annual national ceilings referred to in Article 51(4) of that Regulation for 2016 have to be set by the Commission on the basis of the percentage notified by Member States pursuant to Article 51(1) of that Regulation and shall not be higher than 2 % of the annual ceiling set out in Annex II.

(7) Where the total amount of the payment for young farmers applied for in 2016 in a Member State exceeds the ceiling set pursuant to Article 51(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 for that Member State, the difference has to be financed by the Member State in accordance with Article 51(2) of that Regulation whilst respecting the maximum amount laid down in Article 51(1) of that Regulation. For the sake of clarity, it is appropriate to set this maximum amount for each Member State.

(8) For each Member State granting voluntary coupled support provided for in Chapter 1 of Title IV of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 in 2016, the Commission has to set the annual national ceiling referred to in Article 53(7) of that Regulation for 2016 on the basis of the percentage notified by the relevant Member State pursuant to Article 54(1) of that Regulation.

(9) Concerning the year 2016, the implementation of direct support schemes provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 started on 1 January 2016. For the sake of consistency between the applicability of that Regulation for the claim year 2016 and the applicability of the corresponding budgetary ceilings, this Regulation should apply from the same date.

(10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Direct Payments,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1 The annual national ceilings for 2016 for the basic payment scheme referred to in Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are set out in point I of the Annex to this Regulation.

2 The annual national ceilings for 2016 for the single area payment scheme referred to in Article 36(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are set out in point II of the Annex to this Regulation.

3 The annual national ceilings for 2016 for the redistributive payment referred to in Article 42(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are set out in point III of the Annex to this Regulation.

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/699. (See end of Document for details)*

4 The annual national ceilings for 2016 for the payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment referred to in Article 47(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are set out in point IV of the Annex to this Regulation.

5 The annual national ceilings for 2016 for the payment for areas with natural constraints referred to in Article 49(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are set out in point V of the Annex to this Regulation.

6 The annual national ceilings for 2016 for the payment for young farmers referred to in Article 51(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are set out in point VI of the Annex to this Regulation.

7 The maximum amounts for 2016 for the payment for young farmers referred to in Article 51(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are set out in point VII of the Annex to this Regulation.

8 The annual national ceilings for 2016 for voluntary coupled support referred to in Article 53(7) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are set out in point VIII of the Annex 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 1 January 2016.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 May 2016.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

I.Budgetary ceilings for the basic payment scheme referred to in Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013

(thousand EUR)

Calendar year	**2016**
Belgium	225 595
Denmark	564 769
Germany	3 042 977
Ireland	828 429
Greece	1 182 879
Spain	2 816 109
France	3 199 094
Croatia	87 941
Italy	2 314 333
Luxembourg	22 819
Malta	648
Netherlands	513 025
Austria	470 847
Portugal	284 807
Slovenia	73 581
Finland	269 562
Sweden	401 642
United Kingdom	2 091 382

II. Budgetary ceilings for the single area payment scheme referred to in Article 36(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013

(thousand EUR)

Calendar year	**2016**
Bulgaria	378 949
Czech Republic	462 535
Estonia	75 612
Cyprus	30 805
Latvia	109 970
Lithuania	171 472

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Hungary	734 076
Poland	1 551 652
Romania	898 240
Slovakia	250 297

III. Budgetary ceilings for the redistributive payment referred to in Article 42(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013

(thousand EUR)

Calendar year	**2016**
Belgium	48 186
Bulgaria	55 868
Germany	341 633
France	727 067
Croatia	20 287
Lithuania	66 377
Poland	281 810
Romania	94 709
United Kingdom	32 334

IV. Budgetary ceilings for the payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment as referred to in Article 47(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013

(thousand EUR)

Calendar year	**2016**
Belgium	152 932
Bulgaria	237 735
Czech Republic	253 212
Denmark	255 805
Germany	1 464 143
Estonia	34 369
Ireland	364 041
Greece	569 748
Spain	1 455 505
France	2 181 201
Croatia	60 860
Italy	1 155 242