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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 Article 5a(2) and (4), the third subparagraph of Article 8(3) and Article 19(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220[(2)] sets out the number of returning holdings per Member State and per Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) division. Due to a structural change of agriculture in Finland which has led to a decrease in the number of holdings, it is appropriate to decrease accordingly the number of returning holdings for Finland laid down in that Annex.

(2) In accordance with Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009, Croatia constitutes a single FADN division for the 3 years following its accession to the Union. As that period is due to expire, it is necessary to fix in Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 the number of returning holdings per FADN division for that Member State.

(3) In view of the changes provided for in this Regulation Finland and Croatia should be allowed to revise their respective selection plans for the accounting year 2016.

(4) Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 sets out the form and layout of the farm return. For the sake of clarity, that Annex should provide for additional information relating to certain instructions and definitions.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Farm Accountancy Data Network,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

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

(1) in Article 3(2), the following subparagraph is added:

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Finland and Croatia may revise the respective selection plans they notified for the accounting year 2016. They shall notify their respective revised selection plans for that accounting year to the Commission by 31 March 2016.;

(2) Annexes II and VIII are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

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 from the accounting year 2016.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 December 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

Annexes II and VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 are amended as follows:

(1) Annex II is amended as follows:

(a) the row concerning Croatia is replaced by the following:

CROATIA		
861	Jadranska Hrvatska	329
862	Kontinentalna Hrvatska	922
Total Croatia		1 251

(b) the rows concerning Finland are replaced by the following:

FINLAND		
670	Etelä-Suomi	403
680	Sisä-Suomi	229
690	Pohjanmaa	208
700	Pohjois-Suomi	110
Total Finland		950

(2) Annex VIII is amended as follows:

(a) in the seventh paragraph, the third indent relating to the degrees of accuracy of the farm return data is replaced by the following:

— areas: in ares (1 a = 100 m^2), except in the case of mushrooms which will be expressed in square metres of total cropped area and except in Table M "Subsidies", where basic units are to be registered in ha.;

(b) under Table A, in Section 'A.CL. Classes', the first sentence relating to the category A.CL.180.C. is replaced by the following:

A.CL.180.C. *Structural Funds area*: it shall be indicated in which one of the regions referred to in points (a), (b) or (c) of Article 90(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(3)] the majority of the utilised agricultural area of the holding is situated.;

(c) under Table B, in Section 'B.UT. UAA for tenant farming', the first paragraph of the category B.UT.20.A is replaced by the following:

B.UT.20.A UAA (arable land, permanent grassland, permanent crops and kitchen gardens) worked by a person other than the owner, tenant for life or leaseholder, holding a tenancy on the said area (the rent is payable in cash and/or in kind; being generally fixed in advance, it does not normally vary with the farming results) and/or UAA farmed on similar terms of tenure.;