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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 6(3), 7(3) and 20(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, Croatia has notified the Commission by 31 January 2015 of the area of land demined and returned to use for agricultural activities in 2014, the number of payment entitlements available to farmers on 31 December 2014 and the amount remained unspent in the special national demining reserve on that same date.

(2) According to Article 20(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, the amount to be added to the national ceilings set for Croatia in Annex II to that Regulation has to be calculated by the Commission on the basis of the data notified by Croatia in accordance with Article 20(1) of that Regulation and the estimated average direct payments per hectare in Croatia for the year concerned.

(3) The average direct payments per hectare for 2015 should be calculated by dividing the national ceiling for Croatia in 2015, reduced by the unspent amount in the special demining reserve on 31 December 2014, by the number of payment entitlements available to farmers on the same date. The amount to be added to the national ceiling for 2015 and the following years is calculated on the basis of the schedule of increments referred to in Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 and reflects that the notification of 31 January 2015 reaches the maximum amounts of the annual increments set out in Annex VII to that Regulation for calendar year 2015 onwards.

(4) In accordance with Article 20(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, Annex VI to that Regulation should be adapted in order to take into account of the consequences of the return of demined land to use for agricultural activities in 2014, as notified by Croatia.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/851. (See end of Document for details)*

(5) Annexes II, III and VI to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) As this Regulation is essential for a smooth and timely adoption of the implementing acts referred to in Articles 22(1), 36(4), 42(2), 47(3), 49(2), 51(4) and 53(7) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, it is appropriate that it enters into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes II, III and VI to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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, 27 March 2015

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

Annexes II, III and VI to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 are amended as follows:

(1) Annex II is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX II

National ceilings referred to in Article 6

(in thousand EUR)

Calendar year	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
Belgium	523 658	509 773	502 095	488 964	481 857	505 266
Bulgaria	721 251	792 449	793 226	794 759	796 292	796 292
Czech Republic	844 854	844 041	843 200	861 708	861 698	872 809
Denmark	870 751	852 682	834 791	826 774	818 757	880 384
Germany	4 912 772	4 880 476	4 848 079	4 820 322	4 792 567	5 018 395
Estonia	114 378	114 562	123 704	133 935	143 966	169 366
Ireland	1 215 003	1 213 470	1 211 899	1 211 482	1 211 066	1 211 066
Greece	1 921 966	1 899 160	1 876 329	1 855 473	1 834 618	1 931 177
Spain	4 842 658	4 851 682	4 866 665	4 880 049	4 893 433	4 893 433
France	7 302 140	7 270 670	7 239 017	7 214 279	7 189 541	7 437 200
Croatia[a]	183 735	202 865	241 125	279 385	317 645	306 080
Italy	3 902 039	3 850 805	3 799 540	3 751 937	3 704 337	3 704 337
Cyprus	50 784	50 225	49 666	49 155	48 643	48 643
Latvia	181 044	205 764	230 431	255 292	280 154	302 754
Lithuania	417 890	442 510	467 070	492 049	517 028	517 028
Luxembourg	33 604	33 546	33 487	33 460	33 432	33 432
Hungary	1 345 746	1 344 461	1 343 134	1 343 010	1 342 867	1 269 158
Malta	5 241	5 241	5 242	5 243	5 244	4 690
Netherlands	749 315	736 840	724 362	712 616	700 870	732 370
Austria	693 065	692 421	691 754	691 746	691 738	691 738
Poland	3 378 604	3 395 300	3 411 854	3 431 236	3 450 512	3 061 518
Portugal	565 816	573 954	582 057	590 706	599 355	599 355
Romania	1 599 993	1 772 469	1 801 335	1 872 821	1 903 195	1 903 195

a For Croatia, the national ceiling for calendar year 2021 shall be EUR 344 340 000 and for 2022 shall be EUR 382 600 000.’