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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 point (c) of paragraph 1 and point (b) of paragraph 2 of Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 repealed and replaced Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007[(2)] as from 1 January 2014.

(2) Article 23(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides that the Union aid under the School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme may cover also the accompanying measures necessary to make the scheme effective. It is therefore necessary to define those measures in terms of objectives and of costs associated with them and to determine which of those costs could be eligible for the Union aid.

(3) Commission Regulation (EC) No 288/2009[(3)] provides rules for the application of the School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme and in particular the obligation for the Member States to describe in their strategies the accompanying measures which they intend to adopt in order to ensure the successful implementation of the scheme. It also provides for rules on the costs eligible to the Union aid. It is therefore appropriate to amend Regulation (EC) No 288/2009 in order to include the rules concerning the accompanying measures as referred to in Article 23(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

(4) Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 288/2009 provides that Member States setting up a School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme may apply for the Union aid for one or more periods running from 1 August to 31 July. To take into account the periodicity of the

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school year, the new rules concerning the accompanying measures should therefore become applicable as from 1 August 2014,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 288/2009

Regulation (EC) No 288/2009 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 3, paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

4. Member States shall provide in their strategies the accompanying measures referred to in Article 23(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(4)]. The accompanying measures shall support the distribution of fruit and vegetable products and shall be directly linked to the objectives of the School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme of increasing short and long-term fruit and vegetable consumption and contributing to shaping healthy eating habits. These measures may involve also parents and teachers.;

(2) Article 5 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is amended as follows:

(i) in point (b) of the first subparagraph, the following point (iv) is added:

(iv) costs for the accompanying measures referred to in Article 23(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and in particular:

— costs for organising tasting classes, setting up and maintenance of gardening sessions, organisation of farm visits and similar activities aimed at connecting children with agriculture,

— costs for measures aimed at educating children about agriculture, healthy eating habits and environmental matters related to the production, distribution and consumption of fruit and vegetable products,

— costs for measures that are carried out in order to support the distribution of products and that are in line with the objectives of the School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme.;

(ii) the fourth subparagraph is replaced by the following:

The costs for communication and accompanying measures referred to respectively in points (b)(iii) and (iv) of the first subparagraph may not be financed under other Union aid schemes.;

(b) in paragraph 2, the following subparagraph is added: