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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 338(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure[(1)],

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)] provides that Member States are to carry out farm structure surveys in 2010, 2013 and 2016. Member States are to receive a maximum financial contribution of 75 % from the Union towards the cost of carrying out those surveys, subject to defined maximum amounts.

(2) In order to carry out the farm structure surveys and to satisfy the information requirements of the Union, considerable funding is required from Member States and from the Union.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 laid down the financial envelope for the implementation of the programme of surveys, including for the management, maintenance and development of the database systems used within the Commission to process the data supplied by Member States, and fixed the amount for the period 2008-2013.

(4) In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008, the amount for the period 2014-2018 should be fixed by the budgetary and legislative authority, on a proposal from the Commission, on the basis of the new financial framework for the period commencing in 2014.

(5) The proposed financial envelope should only finance the carrying out of the Farm Structure Survey in 2016 and the related management, maintenance and development of the database systems used within the Commission to process the data supplied by Member States.

Changes to legislation: *Regulation (EU) No 378/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 December 2020. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

(6) In view of the accession of Croatia and the need to conduct surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings in that Member State in 2016, a maximum Union contribution per survey should be fixed for Croatia since none was provided for in the Act of Accession.

(7) The Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics has been consulted.

(8) Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 13, the following paragraph is added:

4a. For the farm structure survey in 2016, the maximum amount for Croatia shall be EUR 500 000.;

(2) Article 14 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

2. The financial envelope for the implementation of the farm structure surveys in 2016, including the appropriations necessary for the management, maintenance and development of the database systems used within the Commission to process the data supplied by Member States under this Regulation, shall be EUR 20 650 000 for the period 2014-2018.;

(b) the following paragraph is added:

4. The Commission shall implement Union financial support in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(3)].;

(3) the following Article is inserted:

Article 14a

Protection of the financial interests of the Union

1 The Commission shall take appropriate measures to ensure that, where activities financed under this Regulation are implemented, the financial interests of the Union are protected through the application of preventive measures against fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities, through effective checks and, if irregularities are detected, through the recovery of the amounts wrongly paid and, where appropriate, through the imposition of effective, proportionate and dissuasive penalties.

2 The Commission or its representatives and the Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds under the programme.

The European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections on economic operators concerned directly or indirectly by such funding in