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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 Article 54(c) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 35 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 555/2008[(2)] lays down detailed rules for the implementation of Article 188a(5) and (6) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007[(3)] on reporting and evaluation of Member States' support programmes in the wine sector. Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 has been repealed and replaced by Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 with effect on 1 January 2014.

(2) Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 does not include a provision on reporting and evaluation of Member States' support programmes, as provided for in Article 188a(5) and (6) of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, but empowers the Commission to adopt measures in this regard by means of implementing acts. Therefore it is necessary to adapt Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 555/2008.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 555/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No 555/2008 is amended as follows:

(1) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

1. Member States shall submit to the Commission by 1 March each year, a report on the implementation of the measures provided for in their support programmes referred to in Section 4 of Chapter II of Title I of Part II of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(4)] during the previous financial year.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 168/2014. (See end of Document for details)*

Those reports shall list and describe the measures for which Union assistance under the support programmes was granted.

Those reports shall be presented by Member States to the Commission in the form set out in Annexes V and VI to this Regulation. The information contained in the appropriate tables shall refer to each year in respect of the measures of the support programme:

a a statement of expenditure by financial year already incurred in the programming period which will in no cases overshoot the budgetary limit for the Member State as laid down in Annex VI to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013;

b forecasts for subsequent financial years until the end of the planned period of implementation of the support programme, up to the budgetary limit for the Member State as laid down in VI to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and in coherence with the most updated submission sent in accordance with Article 3 of this Regulation.;

(2) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

4. Member States shall, by 1 March 2014 and, a second time, by 1 March 2017, submit to the Commission an evaluation of the costs and benefits of the support programmes as well as an indication of how to increase their efficiency.

Those evaluations shall be presented by the Member States to the Commission in the form set out in Annexes V and VI. In addition the following items shall be inserted in the conclusions:

— C1 : Evaluation of the costs and benefits of the support programme,

— C2 : Ways to increase the efficiency of the support programme.

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*.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 February 2014.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO