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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 the third subparagraph of Article 5(1), Articles 5a(2), 5b(7), 6(5) and 7(2), the third and fourth subparagraphs of Article 8(3) and Article 19(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Due to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)] and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1874[(3)], which introduced the Integrated Farm Statistics (IFS), the Union typology for agricultural holdings set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220[(4)] needs to be adapted.

(2) The type of farming and the economic size of the holding is to be determined on the basis of an economic criterion. It is appropriate to use the standard output referred to in Article 5b(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009 and to introduce the concept of 'standard output coefficient' for that purpose. Those standard output coefficients need to be established by product and in line with the list of variables of the IFS set out in Annex III of Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 and described in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1874 and a correspondence between the variables of the IFS and the headings of the farm return of the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) needs to be established. The relevant products for which a standard output coefficient is required should be defined in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 rather than in Regulation (EU) 2018/1091.

(3) Articles 11 to 14 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 set out detailed procedures in relation to the standard fee. In order to facilitate the network operations of collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the Union, the responsibilities in relation to due completion of the farm returns and to

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the standard fee need to be clarified. In addition, in accordance with Article 19(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009, it is appropriate to specify that costs in respect of the setting up and operation of the National Committee, Regional Committees and liaison agencies are under the responsibility of the Member States.

(4) In order to support earlier availability, completeness and increased quality of accountancy data submitted by Member States, the deadlines for data transmission and the procedure in relation to the payment of the standard fee have been reviewed by the Commission and consequently, there is a need to modify them. They are linked to the timing of delivery and completeness of the FADN data delivered to the Commission.

(5) Following the request of Czechia and Denmark to change the number of returning holdings and threshold of economic size due to structural changes in agriculture, it is appropriate to allow those Member States to revise their selection plans or threshold of economic size for the accounting year 2020 and to redistribute or adjust the number of returning holdings accordingly.

(6) Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 provides the correspondence table linking Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1874 and the FADN farm returns. In this annex, the terms ‘standard output’ and ‘standard output coefficient’ should be defined. There is a need to align the correspondence table in that Annex to reflect the definition of variables in Regulation (EU) 2018/1091 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1874.

(7) In Annex VI to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220, the principles for calculation of ‘standard output’ and ‘standard output coefficient’ should be defined. They should be calculated for each relevant product and for each region by the Member States. In order to avoid potential errors and provide basis for reflection on a common methodology, Member States should be required to submit their methodology(ies) for calculating their respective standard output coefficients to the Commission.

(8) Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 sets out the form and layout of the accountancy data contained in the farm returns. For the sake of clarity, that Annex should be adapted to reflect the abolition of the sugar quota and the resulting changes to the notification obligations as set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1185[(5)], the need to align the depreciation of ‘biological assets – plants’ to the international accounting standards, the need to align the names of the standard output coefficients to the names used in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1874 and the new codes introduced by Regulation (EU) 2017/2393 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(6)].

(9) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/220 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(10) Having regard to the nature of the amendments, this Regulation should apply as from the accounting year 2020.

(11) 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:

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Article 1

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

(1) Article 6 is replaced by the following:

Article 6

Standard output coefficient and total standard output of a holding

1 The method for the calculation to determine the standard output coefficient of each characteristic as referred to in Article 5b(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009 and the procedure for collecting the corresponding data are set out in Annexes IV and VI to this Regulation.

The standard output coefficient of the different characteristics of a holding as referred to in Article 5b(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009 shall be determined for the crop and livestock variables listed in Part B.I of Annex IV to this Regulation and for each geographical unit referred to in point 2(b) of Annex VI to this Regulation.

2 The total standard output of a holding shall be obtained by multiplying the standard output coefficient of each crop and livestock variable by the number of corresponding units.;

(2) in Article 11, the following second paragraph is added:

Accountancy offices and administrative departments carrying out duties of accountancy offices shall be responsible for the due and timely completion of the farm returns so that they can be submitted by liaison agencies within the deadlines referred to in Article 14(3) and (4) of this Regulation.;

(3) in Article 13, the following third, fourth and fifth paragraphs are added:

The standard fee shall contribute to the costs of due completion of the farm returns and of improvements of data delivery timings, processes, systems, procedures and overall quality of the farm returns, in particular by the accountancy offices and by administrative departments carrying out duties of accountancy offices in this respect.

The standard fee paid to the Member States for the eligible number of duly completed farm returns transferred to the Commission shall become the resources of the Member State and no longer of the Union.

Covering the costs in respect of the setting up and operation of the National Committee, Regional Committees and liaison agencies shall be under the responsibility of the Member States.;

(4) in Article 14(4), the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

4. To the increase of the standard fee under points (a) and (b) of paragraph 3 may be added EUR 2 for the accounting year 2018, EUR 5 for the accounting years 2019 and 2020 and EUR 10 from the accounting year 2021 where the accountancy data has been verified by the Commission in accordance with point (b) of the first paragraph of Article 13 of this Regulation and is deemed duly completed in accordance with Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009, either at the moment of its submission to the Commission, or within 40 working days from the date on which the Commission

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informed the submitting Member State that the submitted accountancy data is not duly completed.;

(5) Annexes I, II, IV, VI and VIII are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from the accounting year 2020.

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

Done at Brussels, 31 October 2019.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

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

(1) in Annex I, the entries related to Czechia and Denmark are replaced by the following:

Czechia	15 000
Denmark	25 000

(2) in Annex II, the entries related to Czechia and Denmark are replaced by the following:

745	CZECHIA	1 282
370	DENMARK	1 600

(3) Annex IV is amended as follows:

(a) the following definitions are inserted before Part A:

The following definitions apply:

(a) **Standard output (SO)** is the standard value of gross production. The SO is used for classifying farms according to the Union farm typology (in which the type of farming is defined by main production activities) and for determining economic farm size.

(b) **Standard output coefficient (SOC)** is the average monetary value of gross production of each agricultural variable referred to in Article 6(1), corresponding to the average situation in a given region, per unit of production. SOCs are calculated at farm-gate price, in euro per hectare of crop or euro per head of livestock (exceptions apply for mushrooms in euro per 100 m^2, poultry in euro per 100 heads and bees in euro per hive). VAT, taxes and subsidies are not included in the farm-gate price. SOCs are updated at least every time a European survey on the structure of agricultural holdings is conducted.

(c) **Total SO of a holding** is the sum of the individual production units of a specific holding multiplied by their respective SOC.

(b) Parts A and B are replaced by the following:

A. PARTICULAR TYPES OF FARMING SPECIALISATION

The particular types of farming specialisation are defined by two features:

(a) The nature of the variables concerned

The variables refer to the list of variables surveyed in the 2020 census: they are indicated by using the codes presented in the table of correspondence in Part B.I of this Annex or by a code regrouping several of those variables as set out in Part B.II of this Annex[7].

(b) The conditions determining the class limits