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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 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)[(1)], and in particular Article 191 in conjunction with Article 4 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 585/2011 of 17 June 2011 laying down temporary exceptional support measures for the fruit and vegetable sector[(2)] introduced temporary exceptional support measures for the fruit and vegetable sector following an outbreak of Escherichia coli (E. coli) in Germany, which caused a significant disturbance of the Union fruit and vegetable market.

(2) Pursuant to Article 7(2) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 585/2011, Member States had to notify their requests for total Union support to the Commission by 18 July 2011. On the basis of the information notified by Member States in accordance with that Article, it appears that the impact of the crisis has been bigger than expected.

(3) Given the significant disturbance of the fruit and vegetables market and the harm caused to the fruit and vegetables sector, it is appropriate to increase the maximum amount of support provided for in Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 585/2011. For reasons of urgency, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication.

(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 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 585/2011 is replaced by the following:

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 768/2011. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 2

Maximum amount of support

Total Union expenditure incurred for the purposes of this Regulation shall not exceed EUR 227 000 000. It shall be financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and be used solely for the purpose of financing the measures provided for under this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 2 August 2011.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO