

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2022/493**of 21 March 2022****fixing the definitive allocation of Union aid to Member States for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 and amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/462***(notified under document C(2022)1580)*

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 of 16 December 2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisations of the markets in agricultural products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 3 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39 ⁽²⁾, Member States wishing to participate in the Union aid scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in educational establishments (the school scheme) are to submit to the Commission by 31 January each year their request for Union aid relating to the next school year and, if applicable, update the request for Union aid relating to the ongoing school year.
- (2) In order to ensure the effective implementation of the school scheme, the allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk among participating Member States should be fixed on the basis of the amounts indicated in the request for Union aid by those Member States and taking into account the transfers between Member State's indicative allocations referred to in Article 23a(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾.
- (3) All Member States notified the Commission of their request for Union aid for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, specifying the amount of aid requested for school fruit and vegetables or for school milk, or for both parts of the scheme. In the case of Belgium, France, Cyprus and Sweden, the amounts requested took account of the transfers between the indicative allocations.
- (4) In order to maximise the full potential of available funds, the unrequested Union aid should be reallocated to Member States participating in the school scheme that indicate, in their request for Union aid, their willingness to use more than their indicative allocation, should additional resources be available.
- (5) In their request for Union aid for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, Sweden sought less than the indicative allocation for school fruit and vegetables. Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia notified their willingness to use more than the indicative allocation for school fruit and vegetables. No Member State sought less than the indicative allocation for school milk.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 346, 20.12.2013, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39 of 3 November 2016 on rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to Union aid for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in educational establishments (OJ L 5, 10.1.2017, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ 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 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

- (6) On the basis of the notified information by Member States, the definitive allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 should be fixed.
- (7) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/462 ⁽⁴⁾ fixed the definitive allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk among Member States wishing to participate in the school scheme for the period from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022. Some Member States updated their request for Union aid relating to that school year. Germany, Spain and the Netherlands notified transfers between the definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables and the definitive allocation for school milk. Belgium and the Netherlands sought less than the definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables and/or for school milk. Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Spain, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Austria, Slovakia and Sweden notified their willingness to use more than the definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables and/or for school milk.
- (8) Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/462 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The definitive allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk among Member States participating in the school scheme for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 is set out in Annex I.

Article 2

Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/462 is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 March 2022.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/462 of 15 March 2021 fixing the definitive allocation of Union aid to Member States for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022 and amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/467 (OJ L 92, 17.3.2021, p. 1).

ANNEX I

School year 2022/2023

Member State	Definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables in EUR	Definitive allocation for school milk in EUR
Belgium	3 405 460	1 613 199
Bulgaria	2 145 826	1 020 451
Czechia	3 209 788	1 600 707
Denmark	1 855 060	1 460 645
Germany	20 253 868	9 404 154
Estonia	450 380	700 309
Ireland	1 811 303	900 398
Greece	3 218 885	1 550 685
Spain	13 292 411	6 302 784
France	17 990 469	17 123 194
Croatia	1 390 541	800 354
Italy	17 117 780	8 003 535
Cyprus	390 044	400 177
Latvia	648 466	700 309
Lithuania	922 651	1 032 456
Luxembourg	295 111	193 000
Hungary	3 099 021	1 756 776
Malta	293 504	193 000
Netherlands	5 570 944	2 401 061
Austria	2 301 768	1 100 486
Poland	11 941 071	10 204 507
Portugal	3 283 397	2 220 981
Romania	6 866 848	10 399 594
Slovenia	570 823	320 141
Slovakia	1 752 965	900 398
Finland	1 599 047	3 824 689
Sweden	0	8 998 717
Total	125 677 429	95 126 707

ANNEX II

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School year 2021/2022

Member State	Definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables in EUR	Definitive allocation for school milk in EUR
Belgium	3 230 459	1 203 200
Bulgaria	2 145 718	1 020 451
Czechia	3 226 951	1 735 131
Denmark	1 855 734	1 534 837
Germany	20 366 688	9 383 750
Estonia	452 595	717 717
Ireland	1 821 202	982 594
Greece	3 218 885	1 550 685
Spain	13 201 323	6 515 747
France	17 990 469	17 123 194
Croatia	1 390 733	800 354
Italy	17 125 311	8 003 535
Cyprus	390 044	400 177
Latvia	651 270	723 117
Lithuania	926 264	1 065 344
Luxembourg	295 887	198 000
Hungary	3 112 572	1 864 327
Malta	294 025	198 217
Netherlands	6 050 424	1 520 849
Austria	2 312 457	1 100 486
Poland	11 944 322	10 204 507
Portugal	3 283 397	2 220 981
Romania	6 866 848	10 399 594
Slovenia	570 670	320 141
Slovakia	1 760 660	967 713
Finland	1 599 047	3 824 689
Sweden	0	9 140 844
Total	126 083 956	947 201 80'