COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 968/2014

of 12 September 2014

amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013 laying down transitional measures in the sugar sector by reason of the accession of Croatia

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of Croatia,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Croatia ([1]), and in particular Articles 41 and 16 thereof in conjunction with point 4 of Section 3(a) of Annex IV thereto,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013 ([2]) lays down transitional measures in the sugar sector by reason of the accession of Croatia to the Union. Section 2 of Chapter II of that Regulation deals with the determination and elimination of surplus quantities of sugar present in Croatia at the date of its accession. In particular it sets deadlines for the determination of the surplus sugar quantities, for their elimination and for the proofs of elimination to be provided by identified operators in Croatia. It also fixes reference periods to be used in the calculation of charges for Croatia if surplus sugar quantities are not eliminated.

(2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 50/2014 ([3]) extended the deadlines set out in Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013 as far as they concern the determination of surplus quantities of sugar due to the time required for thorough analysis of the information communicated by Croatia and discussion with that Member State and in order to ensure correct application of Chapter II, Section 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013. In light of further information provided by Croatia it appears that the extension of the deadlines made by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 50/2014 is not sufficient and that, therefore, it is necessary to further extend those deadlines.

(3) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 7(1), '30 September 2014' is replaced by '31 December 2014';

(2) in Article 9(1), '30 June 2015' is replaced by '30 September 2015';

(3) Article 10 is amended as follows:

(a) '30 June 2015' is replaced by '30 September 2015';

(b) '29 February 2016' is replaced by '31 May 2016';

(4) Article 11 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 1, '30 September 2015' is replaced by '31 December 2015';

(b) in the fourth subparagraph of paragraph 2, '30 June 2015' is replaced by '30 September 2015';

([1]) OJ L 112, 24.4.2012, p. 10.
([2]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013 of 25 February 2013 laying down transitional measures in the sugar sector by reason of the accession of Croatia (OJ L 55, 27.2.2013, p. 1).
([3]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 50/2014 of 20 January 2014 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013 laying down transitional measures in the sugar sector by reason of the accession of Croatia (OJ L 16, 21.1.2014, p. 11).

(5) Article 12 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 1, '31 October 2015' is replaced by '31 January 2016';

(b) paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the first subparagraph, '30 June 2015' is replaced by '30 September 2015';

(ii) in the second subparagraph, '29 February 2016' is replaced by '31 May 2016';

(iii) in the third subparagraph, '31 December 2015' is replaced by '31 March 2016'.

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, 12 September 2014.

For the Commission
The President
José Manuel BARROSO