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TITLE I

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Article 1

Derogations from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/892

1. By way of derogation from point (b) of Article 9(3), aid applications submitted by 15 February 2020 may cover expenditure for operations programmed for the year 2019 but not carried out by 31 December 2019 if those operations can be carried out by 15 August 2020.

2. By way of derogation from point (b) of Article 9(3), the aid applications to be submitted by 15 February 2021 may cover expenditure for operations programmed for the year 2020 but not carried out by 31 December 2020 if these operations can be carried out by 15 August 2021.

TITLE II

WINE

Article 2

Derogations from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1150

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1. By way of derogation from Article 2(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1150, Member States may introduce, in relation to the measures referred to in Articles 45(1)(a) and 46 to 52 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, whenever necessary during the financial years 2020 and 2021 but not later than 15 October 2021, changes to their national support programmes in the wine sector as referred to in Article 41(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

2. By way of derogation from Article 8 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1150, during the financial years 2020 and 2021, Member States may:

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(a) set the deadline for the submission of applications for support for green harvesting, as referred to in point (b) of that Article, between 15 April and 30 June;

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(b) opt not to establish an expected market situation justifying the application of green harvesting, as referred to in point (c) of that Article;

(c) set by 30 June a deadline at a date after the deadline for submission of applications for support for green harvesting as provided for in point (a) of this Article for carrying out the green harvesting operations in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 47(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. This deadline shall be set before the normal time of harvest (Baggiolini stage N, BBCH stage 89) in any given area.

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3. By way of derogation from Article 24(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1150, during the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, Member States shall re-examine the calculations provided for in paragraph 1 of that Article at the latest in the fourth year following the previous calculations and shall, if necessary, adjust the initially established standard scales of unit costs.

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TITLE III

OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES

Article 3

Derogations from Implementing Regulation (EU) No 615/2014

1. By way of derogation from paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 615/2014, the competent authority may accept amendments to a work programme provided that:

(a) the proposed changes aim at amending and rescheduling after 31 March 2020 activities of the second implementation year of the three-year work programme that started on 1 April 2018;

(b) the activities concerned did not take place in due time due to the obstacles arising from the COVID-19 pandemic;

(c) the beneficiary organisation applies by 30 June 2020 for the partial payment, as referred to in Article 5a of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 615/2014, of the aid corresponding to the activities of the second implementation year that took place before 1 April 2020;

(d) the Union financing of the concerned activities takes place in the framework of the second implementation year, in accordance with Article 5 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 615/2014.

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Paragraph 4 of Article 5 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 615/2014 shall not be applicable to work programmes amended pursuant to point (d) of the first subparagraph of this Article.

2. By way of derogation from point (a) of paragraph 6 of Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 615/2014, the two-month time limit shall not be applicable to the notification of amendments to a work programme provided that:

(a) the proposed changes are related to activities of the third implementation year of the three-year work programme that started on 1 April 2018;

(b) the activity originally planned did not or cannot take place in full or in part due to the obstacles arising from the COVID-19 pandemic;

(c) the activity as amended shall take place after the acceptance by the competent authority.

TITLE IV

NATIONAL APICULTURE PROGRAMMES

Article 4

Derogations from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1368

By way of derogation from Article 6(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1368, Member States may amend their apiculture programmes so that measures planned for the apiculture year 2020 may be performed after 31 July 2020, but no later than 15 September 2020. Those measures shall be considered as having been carried out in respect of the apiculture year 2020.

Such amendments shall be notified to the Commission by the Member State and approved by the Commission before they are implemented. The requests for and approval of such amendments shall be performed in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6(2) and (3) of that Regulation.

TITLE V

SCHOOL SCHEME

Article 5

Derogations from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39

1. By way of derogation from Article 1(2) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39, the duration of the 2019/2020 school year is extended until 30 September 2020.

2. By way of derogation from Article 4(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39, aid applications relating to the 2019/2020 school year activities that take place after 31 July 2020 may cover periods of less than 2 weeks.

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3. By way of derogation from Article 4(4) and (5) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39, aid applications relating to the 2019/2020 school year activities that take place after 31 July 2020 shall be submitted by 30 September 2020. If this time limit is exceeded, the aid shall not be paid.

4. By way of derogation from Article 5(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39, the aid for the 2019/2020 school year activities that take place after 31 July 2020 shall be paid by the competent authorities by 15 October 2020.

5. By way of derogation from the first subparagraph of Article 7(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39, the calculation described in that subparagraph shall not apply for the calculation of the definitive allocation of Union aid for the 2021/2022 school year.

Article 6

Entry into force

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.