COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/2531

of 1 December 2022

repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 ([1]), and in particular Article 8(3), Article 12, Article 14(6), Article 41, Article 54(4), Article 66(5), Article 67, Article 75(5) and Article 76(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]) lays down a new legal framework for the common agricultural policy (CAP) to improve its delivery on the Union's objectives set out in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. That Regulation further specifies these Union objectives to be achieved by the CAP and defines the types of intervention as well as the common Union requirements applicable to Member States, while leaving flexibility for Member States in the design of the interventions to be provided in their CAP Strategic Plans for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2027.

(2) Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 provides for types of intervention for rural development. As a consequence, Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([3]) is repealed with effect from 1 January 2023.

(3) In that context, the Commission has adopted additional requirements pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 for the design of the interventions to be specified in the CAP Strategic Plans, inter alia, for rural development, namely by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/126 ([4]). That Delegated Regulation replaces the rules currently laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 ([5]).

(4) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 should be repealed with effect from 1 January 2023. However, in accordance with Article 154(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, it should continue to apply as regards the implementation of rural development programmes pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 until 31 December 2025 and as regards expenditure incurred by the beneficiaries and paid by the paying agency in the framework of those rural development programmes until 31 December 2025.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Rural Development Committee,

([1]) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487.

([2]) Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013 (OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 1).

([3]) Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487).

([4]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/126 of 7 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council with additional requirements for certain types of intervention specified by Member States in their CAP Strategic Plans for the period 2023 to 2027 under that Regulation as well as rules on the ratio for the good agricultural and environmental condition (GAEC) standard 1 (OJ L 20, 31.1.2022, p. 52).

([5]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 227, 31.7.2014, p. 18).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Repeal of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 and transitional provision

Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 is repealed with effect from 1 January 2023.

However, it shall continue to apply as regards the implementation of rural development programmes pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 until 31 December 2025 and as regards expenditure incurred by the beneficiaries and paid by the paying agency in the framework of those rural development programmes until 31 December 2025.

Article 2

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 1 December 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN