

DECISIONS

COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2015/1352

of 30 July 2015

on the payment in euro by the United Kingdom of certain expenditure resulting from sectoral agricultural legislation

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(Only the English text is authentic)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 108 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 108 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 requires Member States who have not adopted the euro and who decide to pay the expenditure resulting from sectoral agricultural legislation in euro rather than in their national currency to take measures to ensure that the use of the euro does not provide a systematic advantage compared with the use of national currency.
- (2) Commission Decision 2005/443/EC ⁽²⁾ previously approved such measures communicated by the United Kingdom.
- (3) On 13 April 2015, the United Kingdom notified the Commission of its intention to pay expenditure in relation to specific schemes in euro rather than in pounds sterling and set out the measures that would be applied in accordance with Article 108 of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 to ensure that a systematic advantage resulting from the use of the euro rather than the pound sterling does not arise.
- (4) The measures planned by the United Kingdom can be summarised as follows:
 - operators may be paid in euro the amounts laid down in the Union legislation,
 - operators shall bear the full exchange-rate risk arising from subsequent conversion into sterling,
 - operators must make a standing commitment for a minimum of one year,
 - concerning the basic payment and other direct payments as referred to in Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾, operators shall opt for payment in euro when they submit the application as referred to in Article 13(1) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 ⁽⁴⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 549.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2005/443/EC of 14 June 2005 on the payment in euro by the United Kingdom of certain expenditure resulting from legal instruments relating to the common agricultural policy (OJ L 153, 16.6.2005, p. 33).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 608).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the integrated administration and control system, rural development measures and cross compliance (OJ L 227, 31.7.2014, p. 69.)

- concerning market measures under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ and Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 ⁽²⁾, operators must be approved at least three months in advance to be paid in euro; three months' notice must also be given to withdraw from the arrangement; new payments in euro are then only possible after a one-year waiting period.
- (5) Those measures are in line with the objective fixed by Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013, namely to prevent a systematic advantage resulting from the use of the euro rather than the national currency. They should therefore be approved.
- (6) For that reason, Decision 2005/443/EC should be repealed and replaced by this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The measures communicated by the United Kingdom on 13 April 2015 concerning the payment in euro of expenditure resulting from sectoral agricultural legislation listed in the Annex and, where applicable, any delegated or implementing acts adopted on the basis of those instruments, are hereby approved.

Article 2

Decision 2005/443/EC is repealed.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 30 July 2015.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ 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).

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 of 16 December 2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (OJ L 346, 20.12.2013, p. 12).

ANNEX

MEASURES EXPRESSED AND PAYABLE IN EURO

Scheme	Regulation
Direct Payment schemes	Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013
Buying in of beef	Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013
Buying in of cereals	Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013
Buying in of butter	
Buying in of skimmed milk powder	
Private storage aid for beef	
Private storage aid for butter	
Private storage aid for cheese	
Private storage aid for flax fibre	
Private storage aid for olive oil	
Private storage aid for pigmeat	
Private storage aid for sheepmeat and goatmeat	
Private storage aid for skimmed milk powder	
Private storage aid for white sugar	
Aid for the supply of milk and milk products to children	
Export refunds	
Export refunds for processed agricultural products and goods not listed in Annex I to the TFEU	Regulation (EU) No 510/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 1.