

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 221/2014

of 7 March 2014

amending Regulation (EC) No 288/2009 in respect of fixing the indicative allocation of the aid under the School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the 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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 sets the overall amount of the Union aid for the supply of fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables and banana products to children as referred to in Article 23 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ (hereinafter 'school fruit and vegetables scheme'). Furthermore, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 fixes the maximum co-financing rates and a minimum amount of that aid per Member State.
- (2) The Commission should fix the indicative allocation of the aid for the school fruit and vegetables scheme to each Member State on the basis of criteria referred to in Article 23(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. The Commission should furthermore periodically assess whether the indicative allocation remains consistent with those criteria.
- (3) Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) No 288/2009 ⁽³⁾ sets the amount of the indicative allocation of Union aid per Member State based on the overall

Union budget of EUR 90 million. Since Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 increases the overall budget for the school fruit and vegetables scheme to EUR 150 million and it fixes new co-financing rates, a new indicative allocation should be fixed.

- (4) The new indicative allocation should also take into account the criteria referred to in Article 23(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 based on the latest available data from 2012 as regards the number of children in the age group of six- to ten-year olds as a proportion of the population in Member State's regions.
- (5) Regulation (EC) No 288/2009 should therefore be amended accordingly. To take into account the periodicity of the school year, the new indicative allocation should therefore become applicable as from 1 August 2014.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 288/2009**

Annex II is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2***Entry into force and application**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 August 2014.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 346, 20.12.2013, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common market 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).

⁽³⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 288/2009 of 7 April 2009 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards Community aid for supplying fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables and banana products to children in educational establishments, in the framework of a School Fruit Scheme (OJ L 94, 8.4.2009, p. 38).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 March 2014.

For the Commission
The President
José Manuel BARROSO

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

Indicative allocation of Union aid per Member State

Member State	Co-financing rate (in %)	Children 6-10 abs. numbers	EUR
Austria	75 %	406 322	2 239 273
Belgium	75 %	611 450	3 369 750
Bulgaria	90 %	316 744	2 094 722
Croatia	90 %	205 774	1 360 845
Cyprus	75 %	44 823	290 000
Czech Republic	88 %	480 495	3 124 660
Denmark	75 %	328 182	1 808 638
Estonia	90 %	66 436	439 361
Finland	75 %	290 308	1 599 911
France	76 %	4 051 279	22 500 145
Germany	75 %	3 575 991	19 707 575
Greece	81 %	529 648	3 143 600
Hungary	86 %	482 160	3 031 022
Ireland	75 %	319 126	1 758 729
Italy	80 %	2 853 098	16 719 794
Latvia	90 %	95 861	633 957
Lithuania	90 %	136 285	901 293
Luxembourg	75 %	29 473	290 000
Malta	75 %	19 511	290 000
Netherlands	75 %	986 118	5 434 576
Poland	88 %	1 802 733	11 645 350
Portugal	85 %	527 379	3 284 967
Romania	89 %	1 054 185	6 869 985
Slovakia	89 %	262 703	1 709 502
Slovenia	83 %	91 095	554 291
Spain	75 %	2 337 457	12 939 604
Sweden	75 %	518 322	2 856 514
United Kingdom	76 %	3 494 635	19 401 935
EU 28	79 %	25 917 593	150 000 000*