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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2017/1533

of 8 September 2017

amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1165 as regards the temporary exceptional support measures for producers of peaches and nectarines in Greece, Spain and Italy

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to 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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 219(1) in conjunction with Article 228 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) From 3 to 8 August 2017, some Member States and stakeholders informed the Commission on a severe market disturbance in the peaches and nectarines sector, due to a high level of production and stocks, especially in Greece, Spain and Italy. Stocks of peaches and nectarines in Spain amount to 87 000 tonnes, while 50 % of the peaches were still not harvested at the beginning of August. Stocks of peaches and nectarines in Italy amount to 130 000 tonnes, while 30 % of the products are still to be harvested.
- (2) Since the Russian ban on imports of fruits and vegetables from the Union in 2014, producers tried to find alternative export markets. However, exports to Belarus, which is currently the first export destination for peaches and nectarines during the harvesting period, decreased by 25 % since 2015. The export is even more impacted since 1 July 2017 following the introduction of sanitary and phytosanitary measures by countries that are members of the Eurasian Economic Union, in particular Belarus. Besides, export to third countries is difficult in general due to the perishable character of the produce.
- (3) The combination of those circumstances impacts the prices. According to the available data, the market situation and in particular the prices are very similar to those in 2014 when Russia introduced its embargo.
- (4) Spain and Italy confirmed that producer organisations already implemented the crisis prevention and management measures under their operational programmes and used the temporary exceptional support measures provided for in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1165 ⁽²⁾. Therefore, there is no more margin of manoeuvre to withdraw further quantities from the market under the current schemes.
- (5) The current circumstances are significantly disturbing the market in the peaches and nectarines sector and that situation, or its effects on the market, is likely to continue or deteriorate, while the normal crisis prevention and management measures available under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 appear to be insufficient.
- (6) Although this market disturbance is only indirectly linked to the Russian embargo, it is appropriate, for practical reasons and in the interest of simplification, to use the existing system laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1165.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1165 of 20 April 2017 laying down temporary exceptional support measures for producers of certain fruits (OJ L 170, 1.7.2017, p. 31).

- (7) In order to have a sufficient impact to stabilise the market, the quantities provided for in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1165 for peaches and nectarines should be tripled for producers in Greece, Spain and Italy.
- (8) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1165 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) In order to have an immediate impact on the market and to help stabilise prices during the main harvesting season, this Regulation should apply retroactively as of the date when the situation was formally and factually communicated to the Commission, namely on 3 August 2017,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendment of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1165

Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1165 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 of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 3 August 2017.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 September 2017.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

Maximum quantities of products allocated per Member State as referred to in Article 2(1)*(tonnes)*

Member State	Apples and pears	Plums	Oranges, clementines, mandarins and lemons	Peaches and nectarines
Belgium	21 845			
Germany	1 615			
Greece	680	4 165	2 040	16 065
Spain	1 955	1 275	14 110	29 325
France	3 060			
Croatia	510		850	
Italy	4 505	3 910	850	7 140
Cyprus			3 060	
Netherlands	5 865			
Austria	510			
Poland	75 565	425		510'
Portugal	935			

DECISIONS

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2017/1534

of 31 August 2017

on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 (EUNAVFOR MED/2/2017)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 of 18 May 2015 on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Decision (CFSP) 2015/778, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA ('EU Force Commander').
- (2) On 29 March 2017, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 ⁽²⁾, appointing Rear Admiral (LH) Andrea ROMANI as EU Force Commander.
- (3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Rear Admiral (LH) Javier MORENO SUSANNA to succeed Rear Admiral (LH) Andrea ROMANI as the new EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA as from 1 September 2017.
- (4) On 23 June 2017, the EU Military Committee supported that recommendation.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 should therefore be repealed.
- (6) In accordance with Article 5 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and the implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Rear Admiral (LH) Javier MORENO SUSANNA is hereby appointed as EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) as from 1 September 2017.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 is hereby repealed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 122, 19.5.2015, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 of 29 March 2017 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2016/1079 (EUNAVFOR MED/1/2017) (OJ L 98, 11.4.2017, p. 18).

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 September 2017.

Done at Brussels, 31 August 2017.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
W. STEVENS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/1535**of 4 September 2017****adopting the Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2017**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 314 thereof, in conjunction with the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 41 thereof,

Whereas:

- the Union's budget for the financial year 2017 was definitively adopted on 1 December 2016 ⁽²⁾,
- on 27 June 2017, the Commission submitted a proposal containing draft amending budget No 4 to the general budget for the financial year 2017,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Council's position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2017 was adopted on 4 September 2017.

The full text can be accessed for consultation or downloading on the Council's website: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/>

Done at Brussels, 4 September 2017.

For the Council
The President
M. MAASIKAS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 51, 28.2.2017, p. 1.

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