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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 provides for a programme of surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings up to 2016.
- (2) There is a need to collect data for monitoring the implementation of measures associated with the revision of the common agricultural policy after 2013. Additionally, there is a need to collect data for monitoring the implementation of measures associated with rural development<sup>2</sup>.
- (3) There is a lack of statistical information on the use of nutrients, irrigation and agricultural production methods linked with structural data at the level of individual holdings. Therefore it is necessary to improve the collection of information on nutrient and water use and agricultural production methods on agricultural holdings; to provide additional statistics for the development of agri-environmental policy; and to improve the quality of agri-environmental indicators.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 321, 1.12.2008, p.14.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.487, 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

- (4) The amendment of the list of characteristics is based on the principle that the overall burden will remain balanced, as those variables which are obsolete due to changes in related legislation or variables omitted in 2016 on an one-off basis are dropped while others are added, mainly due to growing and changing needs for agricultural statistical information linked to the new common agricultural policy towards 2020, notably with regard to the enhancement of its environmental performance and the related agro-environmental information needed, considering also that the level of EU financial contribution to the survey remains constant.
- (5) Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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,

*For the Commission*  
*The President*

## ANNEX II

### ANNEX to the

#### Commission regulation (EU) No .../.. of XXX

amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1166/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods, as regards the list of characteristics to be collected in the farm structure survey 2016

#### "Annex III List of farm structure survey characteristics for 2016

CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS/CATEGORIES
<b>I. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	
- Location of the holding <sup>1</sup>	
- NUTS <sup>2</sup> 3 region	NUTS 3 code
- Is the holding in a Less Favoured Area (LFA)?	L/M/N <sup>3</sup>
- Legal personality of the holding	
- Is the holding a common land unit?	Yes/No
- Is the legal and economic responsibility of the holding assumed by:	
- a natural person who is a sole holder, where the holding is independent?	Yes/No
- If the answer to the previous question is 'yes', is this person (the holder) also the manager?	Yes/No
- If this person is not the manager, is the manager a member of the holder's family?	Yes/No

<sup>1</sup> Geo-coordinates not to be provided in 2016

<sup>2</sup> Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics

<sup>3</sup> L- less-favoured non-mountainous area; M- less-favoured mountainous area; N- normal area (non-LFA)  
This classification may be adapted in the future in the light of developments on CAP 2020.

-	-	- - - If the manager is a member of the holder's family, is the manager the spouse of the holder?	Yes/No
-	-	- one or more natural persons who is/are a partner, where the holding is a group holding?	Yes/No
-	-	- a legal person?	Yes/No
-		Type of tenure (in relation to the holder) and farming system	
-	-	Utilised agricultural area:	
-	-	- For owner farming	ha
-	-	- For tenant farming	ha
-	-	- For share farming or other modes	ha
-	-	- Common land	ha
-		Organic farming	
-	-	Is organic farming practiced on the holding?	Yes/No
-	-	Details <sup>4</sup>	
-	-	- Total utilised agricultural area of the holding on which organic farming production methods are applied and certified according to national or European Union rules	ha
-	-	- Total utilised agricultural area of the holding that is under conversion to organic farming production methods to be certified according to national or European Union rules	ha
-	-	- Area of the holding on which organic farming production methods according to national or European Union rules are either applied and certified or under conversion to be certified:	
-	-	- - Cereals for the production of grain (including seed)	ha
-	-	- - Dried pulses and protein crops for the production of grain (including seed and mixtures of cereals and pulses)	ha
-	-	- - Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes)	ha
-	-	- - Sugar beet (excluding seed)	ha

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<sup>4</sup> This section to be filled in only if an answer to the previous question was 'Yes'

-	-	- - Oil seed crops	ha
-	-	- - Fresh vegetables, melons and strawberries	ha
-	-	- - Pasture and meadow, excluding rough grazings	ha
-	-	- - Fruit and berry plantations	ha
-	-	- - Citrus plantations	ha
-	-	- - Olive plantations	ha
-	-	- - Vineyards	ha
-	-	- - Other crops (fibre crops, etc.) including rough grazings	ha
-	-	- Organic production methods applied to animal production and certified according to national or European Union rules:	
-	-	- - Bovine animals	Head
-	-	- - Pigs	Head
-	-	- - Sheep and goats	Head
-	-	- - Poultry	Head
-	-	- - Other animals	Yes/No
-	-	Destination of the holding's production:	
-	-	- Household consumes more than 50% of the value of the final production of the holding	Yes/No
-	-	- Direct sale to final consumers represents more than 50% of the total sales of the holding	Yes/No

## II. LAND

-	Arable land		
-	-	Cereals for the production of grain (including seed):	
-	-	- Common wheat and spelt	ha
-	-	- Durum wheat	ha
-	-	- Rye	ha
-	-	- Barley	ha
-	-	- Oats	ha
-	-	- Grain maize	ha
-	-	- Rice	ha

-	-	- Other cereals for the production of grain	ha
-	-	Dried pulses and protein crops for the production of grain (including seed and mixtures of cereals and pulses)	ha
-	-	- of which peas, field beans and sweet lupins	ha
-	-	Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes)	ha
-	-	Sugar beet (excluding seed)	ha
-	-	Fodder roots and brassicas (excluding seed)	ha
-	-	Industrial crops:	
-	-	- Tobacco	ha
-	-	- Hops	ha
-	-	- Cotton	ha
-	-	- Rape and turnip rape	ha
-	-	- Sunflower	ha
-	-	- Soya	ha
-	-	- Linseed (oil flax)	ha
-	-	- Other oil seed crops	ha
-	-	- Flax	ha
-	-	- Hemp	ha
-	-	- Other fibre crops	ha
-	-	- Aromatic plants, medicinal and culinary plants	ha
-	-	- Other industrial crops not mentioned elsewhere	ha
-	-	Fresh vegetables, melons and strawberries of which:	
-	-	- Outdoor or under low (not accessible) protective cover	ha
-	-	- - Open field	ha
-	-	- - Market gardening	ha
-	-	- Under glass or other (accessible) protective cover	ha
-	-	Flowers and ornamental plants (excluding nurseries):	
-	-	- Outdoor or under low (not accessible)	ha



	protective cover	
-	- Under glass or other (accessible) protective cover	ha
-	Plants harvested green:	
-	- Temporary grass	ha
-	- Other plants harvested green:	
-	- - Green maize	ha
-	- - Leguminous plants	ha
-	- - Other plants harvested green not mentioned elsewhere	ha
-	Arable land seed and seedlings	ha
-	Other arable land crops	ha
-	Fallow land	ha
-	Kitchen gardens	ha
-	Permanent grassland	ha
-	- Pasture and meadow, excluding rough grazings	ha
-	- Rough grazings	ha
-	- Permanent grassland no longer used for production purposes and eligible for the payment of subsidies	ha
-	Permanent crops	
-	- Fruit and berry plantations	ha
-	- - Fruit species, of which:	ha
-	- - - Fruit of temperate climate zones	ha
-	- - - Fruit of subtropical climate zones	ha
-	- - Berry species	ha
-	- - Nuts	ha
-	- Citrus plantations	ha
-	- Olive plantations	ha
-	- - Normally producing table olives	ha
-	- - Normally producing olives for oil production	ha
-	- Vineyards, of which normally producing:	ha
-	- - Quality wine	ha
-	- - Other wines	ha
-	- - Table grapes	ha

-	-	- Raisins	ha
-	-	Nurseries	ha
-	-	Other permanent crops	ha
-	-	Permanent crops under glass	ha
-		Other land	
-	-	Unutilised agricultural land	ha
-	-	Wooded area	ha
-	-	- of which short rotation coppices	ha
-	-	Other land (land occupied by buildings, farmyards, tracks, ponds, quarries, infertile land, rock, etc.)	ha
-		Mushrooms	ha
-		Energy crops	ha
-		Irrigation	
-	-	Irrigated area	
-	-	- Total irrigable area	ha
-	-	- Total cultivated area irrigated at least once during the previous 12 months	ha
-	-	Irrigation methods employed	
-	-	- Surface irrigation (flooding, furrows)	Yes/No
-	-	- Sprinkler irrigation	Yes/No
-	-	- Drop irrigation	Yes/No
-	-	Source of irrigation water used on the holding	
-	-	- On-farm ground water	Yes/No
-	-	- On-farm surface water (ponds or dams)	Yes/No
-	-	- Off-farm surface water from lakes, rivers or watercourses	Yes/No
-	-	- Off-farm water from common water supply networks	Yes/No
-	-	- Other sources	Yes/No

### III. LIVESTOCK

-		Equidae	Head
-		Bovine animals:	
-	-	Bovine animals, under one year old, male and female	Head

-	-	Bovine animals, one but less than two years old, male	Head
-	-	Bovine animals, one but less than two years old, female	Head
-	-	Male bovine animals, two years old and over	Head
-	-	Heifers, two years old and over	Head
-	-	Dairy cows	Head
-	-	Other cows	Head
-		Sheep and goats:	
-	-	Sheep (all ages)	Head
-	-	- Breeding females	Head
-	-	- Other sheep	Head
-	-	Goats (all ages)	Head
-	-	- Breeding females	Head
-	-	- Other goats	Head
-		Pigs:	
-	-	Piglets having a live weight of under 20 kilograms	Head
-	-	Breeding sows weighing 50 kilograms and over	Head
-	-	Other pigs	Head
-		Poultry:	
-	-	Broilers	Head
-	-	Laying hens	Head
-	-	Other poultry:	Head
-	-	- Turkeys	Head
-	-	- Ducks	Head
-	-	- Geese	Head
-	-	- Ostriches	Head
-	-	- Other poultry, not mentioned elsewhere	Head
-		Rabbits, breeding females	Head
-		Bees	Hives
-		Livestock not mentioned elsewhere	Yes/No

#### IV. LABOUR FORCE

##### IV.(i) *Farm work on the holding*

-	Holder	
-	- Gender	Male/Female
-	- Age	Age bands <sup>5</sup>
-	- Farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 1 <sup>6</sup>
-	Manager	
-	- Gender	Male/Female
-	- Age	Age bands <sup>5</sup>
-	- Farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2 <sup>7</sup>
-	Training of manager	
-	- Agricultural training of manager	Training codes <sup>8</sup>
-	- Vocational training undertaken by the manager during the last 12 months	Yes/No
-	Members of sole holder's family carrying out farm work for the holding: male	
-	- Farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2
-	Members of sole holder's family carrying out farm work for the holding: female	
-	- Farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2
-	Non-family labour regularly employed: male	
-	- Farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2
-	Non-family labour regularly employed: female	
-	- Farm work on the holding (apart from housework)	AWU % band 2
-	Non-family labour employed on a <u>non-regular</u> basis: male and female	Full-time working days
	<b>IV.(ii) Other gainful activities: Non-farm work on the holding (<u>not directly related to the holding</u>) and work outside the holding</b>	
-	Other gainful activities of the holder who is also the manager:	M/S/N <sup>9</sup>
-	Other gainful activities of the other members of the sole	Number of persons

<sup>5</sup> Age bands: (From school leaving age-24 years), (25-34), (35-39), (40-44), (45-54), (55-64), (65 and over).

<sup>6</sup> Annual Work Unit (AWU) percentage band 1: (0), (>0-<25), (≥25-<50), (≥50-<75), (≥75-<100), (100).

<sup>7</sup> Annual Work Unit (AWU) percentage band 2: (>0-<25), (≥25-<50), (≥50-<75), (≥75-<100), (100).

<sup>8</sup> Training codes: (only practical agricultural experience), (basic agricultural training), (full agricultural training).

- holder's family: main activity
- Other gainful activities of the other members of the sole holder's family: secondary activity      Number of persons

**V. OTHER GAINFUL ACTIVITIES OF THE HOLDING (directly related to the holding)**

**V.(i) List of other gainful activities**

- Provision of health, social or educational services      Yes/No
- Tourism, accommodation and other leisure activities      Yes/No
- Handicraft      Yes/No
- Processing of farm products      Yes/No
- Production of renewable energy      Yes/No
- Wood processing (e.g. sawing)      Yes/No
- Aquaculture      Yes/No
- Contractual work (using production means of the holding)
  - - Agricultural (for other holdings)      Yes/No
  - - Non-agricultural      Yes/No
- Forestry      Yes/No
- Other      Yes/No
- Who is involved?
  - - Holder who is also the manager      M/S/N<sup>9</sup>
  - - Other members of the sole holder's family, as their main activity      Number of persons
  - - Other members of the sole holder's family, as their secondary activity      Number of persons
  - - Non-family members regularly working on the holding, as their main activity      Number of persons
  - - Non-family members regularly working on the holding, as their secondary activity      Number of persons

**V.(ii) Importance of the other gainful activities directly**

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<sup>9</sup> M - main activity, S - secondary activity, N - no involvement

*related to the holding*

- Percentage of the final output of the holding Percentage bands<sup>10</sup>

## VI. SUPPORT FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

-	Holding benefited from one of the rural development measures during the last 3 years <sup>11</sup>	Yes/No
-	- Participation of farmers in food quality schemes	Yes/No
-	- Payments linked to Natura 2000 and the Water Framework Directive <sup>12</sup>	Yes/No
-	- Agri-environment payments – climate payments	Yes/No
-	- Organic farming	Yes/No
-	- Animal welfare payments	Yes/No
-	- Investments in physical assets	Yes/No
-	- Prevention and restoration of damage to agricultural production potential by natural disasters and catastrophic events	Yes/No
-	- Farm and business development	Yes/No
-	- Investments in forest area development and viability of forests	Yes/No
-	- Afforestation and creation of woodland	Yes/No
-	- Establishment of agro-forestry systems	Yes/No
-	- Prevention and restoration of damage to forests	Yes/No
-	- Investments improving resilience and environmental value of forests	Yes/No
-	- Investments in forestry technologies and in processing in mobilising and in the marketing of forestry products	Yes/No
-	- Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints	Yes/No

<sup>10</sup> Percentage bands: ( $\geq 0 \leq 10$ ), ( $> 10 \leq 50$ ), ( $> 50 < 100$ ).

<sup>11</sup> RD measures according 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 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.487) - these characteristics should be available from administrative sources

<sup>12</sup> Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1).

- Forest-environmental and climate services and forest conservation Yes/No
- Risk management Yes/No

## VII. SOIL AND MANURE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES APPLIED IN AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

- Tillage methods<sup>13</sup> on outdoor arable land
  - Conventional tillage ha
  - Conservation tillage ha
  - Zero tillage (excluding outdoor arable land areas which are covered by multi-annual plants) ha
- Soil cover<sup>14</sup> on outdoor arable land
  - Normal winter crop ha
  - Cover crop or intermediate crop ha
  - Plant residues ha
  - Bare soil ha
  - Outdoor arable land areas which are covered by multi-annual plants ha
- Crop rotation on arable land
  - Share of arable land included in crop rotation AA % band<sup>15</sup>
- Ecological focus area –total area of field margins, buffer strips, hedges, trees, fallow land, biotopes, afforested area and landscape features ha<sup>16</sup>
- Manure application techniques
  - Broadcast
    - No incorporation Manure % band<sup>17</sup>
    - Incorporation within 4 hours Manure % band
    - Incorporation after 4 hours Manure % band

<sup>13</sup> Outdoor arable area under conventional tillage + outdoor arable area under conservation tillage + outdoor arable area under zero tillage + outdoor arable area covered by multiannual plants = total outdoor area of arable land

<sup>14</sup> Outdoor arable area planted with normal winter crop + outdoor arable area planted with cover crop or intermediate crop + outdoor arable area covered with plant residues + outdoor arable area which is bare soil + outdoor arable area covered by multiannual plants = total outdoor area of arable land

<sup>15</sup> Arable area (AA) percentage band: (0), (> 0-< 25), (≥ 25-< 50), (≥ 50-< 75), (≥ 75).

<sup>16</sup> Only to be reported by farms with more than 15 ha of arable land

<sup>17</sup> % of total manure applied with specific application technique: (0), (>0-<25), (≥25-<50), (≥50-<75), (≥75-<100), (100)

-	-	Bandspread	
-	-	- Trailing hose	Manure % band
-	-	- Trailing shoe	Manure % band
-	-	Injection	
-	-	- Shallow/open-slot	Manure % band
-	-	- Deep/closed-slot	Manure % band
-		Manure import/export from the holding	
-	-	The total produced manure exported from the holding	Tonnes
-	-	Manure imported to the holding	Tonnes"