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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Article 58(7) of 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 empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts to take account of developments relating to the annual breakdown of Union support to Rural Development and to review the ceilings set out in Annex I of the same Regulation.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

Consultations, involving experts from all the 28 Member States and in the presence of experts from the European Parliament, have been carried out within an Expert Group of Rural Development in a meeting held on 18 March 2015. The meeting allowed for a full presentation of the Commission's draft provisions and a thorough exchange of views on all aspects of the draft. The exercise consisted in clarifying the Commission's approach, hearing experts' views.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The act amends the annual breakdown of Union support to rural development set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 following an amendment of Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for the years 2014-2020 by Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) 2015/623.

Due to delayed entering into force of the legal basis for rural development programmes (RDPs) a number of RDPs could not be adopted in 2014, leaving the corresponding financial allocation of 2014 unused. Following a review of the MFF transferring the unused 2014 allocations into 2015 and 2016, Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 is proposed to be amended accordingly.

4. BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The review of the annual breakdown of Union support to rural development concerns 17 Member States with reductions in the 2014 allocations and consequent reinforcements of 2015 and 2016 allocations as shown in the table below:

			<i>(current prices in EUR)</i>
	2014	2015	2016
Belgium	-37.486.839	18.743.420	18.743.419
Bulgaria	-335.499.038	167.749.519	167.749.519

Czech Republic	-314.349.445	157.174.723	157.174.722
Germany	-556.776.944	278.388.474	278.388.470
Ireland	-313.148.955	156.574.478	156.574.477
Greece	-605.051.830	302.525.915	302.525.915
Spain	-1.187.488.617	593.744.313	593.744.304
France	-1.400.522.888	700.261.453	700.261.435
Croatia	-332.167.500	166.083.750	166.083.750
Italy	-1.480.213.402	740.106.704	740.106.698
Cyprus	-18.895.839	9.447.920	9.447.919
Luxembourg	-14.226.474	7.113.237	7.113.237
Hungary	-495.668.727	247.834.364	247.834.363
Malta	-13.880.143	6.940.072	6.940.071
Romania	-1.149.848.554	574.924.277	574.924.277
Sweden	-257.858.535	128.929.268	128.929.267
United Kingdom	-192.242.329	96.121.165	96.121.164
Total EU-28	-8.705.326.059	4.352.663.052	4.352.663.007

The shift of commitment appropriations from 2014 to years 2015 and 2016 is likely to impact the payments profile and delay the submission of payment claims for investment-type measures. However, regardless of the date of adoption of the rural development programmes, expenditure is eligible as from 1 January 2014. Thus, implementation could start before the formal adoption of the respective programme and limit the impact of the delay on the submission of interim payment claims. Furthermore, for payments for the annual-type of measures, there should be almost no impact.

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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 1698/2005¹, and in particular Article 58(7) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 19(1) of Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013² provides for a revision of the multiannual financial framework in the event of the adoption after 1 January 2014 of programmes under shared management for, inter alia, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development in order to transfer to subsequent years, in excess of the corresponding expenditure ceilings, allocations not used in 2014.
- (2) The rural development programmes of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Luxemburg, Hungary, Malta, Romania, Sweden and certain regional programmes of Belgium, Germany, France and the United Kingdom were not ready for adoption by the end of 2014.
- (3) Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 has been revised accordingly by Council Regulation [(EU, EURATOM)] 2015/623³ transferring, for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the corresponding unused 2014 allocations into 2015 and 2016 expenditure ceilings.
- (4) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, which lays down the breakdown of Union support for rural development for the period 2014 to 2020, should therefore be amended accordingly.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487.

² Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 884).

³ Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM)] 2015/623 of 21 April 2015 amending Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020] (OJ L 103, 22.4.2015, p. 1).

- (5) As this Regulation is essential for a smooth and timely adoption of rural development programmes, it is appropriate that it enters into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 is replaced by the text in Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 27.4.2015

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER