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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021¹ establishes a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme), further referred to as “SMP”.

Regulation (EU) 2021/690 lays down the provisions on monitoring and reporting (Article 17) and evaluation (Article 18), and includes, in its Annex IV, the core performance indicators for reporting on the progress of the SMP in achieving its general and specific objectives (as set out in Article 3). To ensure the effective assessment of the Programme’s progress towards the achievement of its objectives, Article 17(3) empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts to supplement the Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework.

The Commission considers that the indicators established by Annex IV of the SMP regulation are not sufficient for the purpose of comprehensively evaluating the SMP. For this reason, this delegated act supplements Regulation (EU) 2021/690 with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework, by introducing a set of second level indicators. These indicators will measure the outputs, results and impact of the programme. Considering that Articles 16, 17 and 18 of Regulation (EU) 2021/690 already lay down certain reporting and evaluation requirements, the additional indicators established by the present regulation should take those requirements into account, as appropriate, to avoid inconsistencies, ensure synergies and minimise the administrative burden.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

As laid down by Article 20 (4) of the Regulation (EU) 2021/690 on the exercise of the delegation, the Commission has consulted ad hoc experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.

After adoption of the delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Article 1 of the delegated act refers to the indicators already established by Annex IV of Regulation (EU) 2021/690 for the purpose of annual monitoring of performance and that will be used also as part of the monitoring and evaluation framework. It introduces additional indicators, enumerated in the Annex, also a part of the framework. Article 1 thus supplements Regulation (EU) 2021/690 as regards the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework and specifies how the Commission will collect the necessary data.

Article 2 of the delegated act lays down the provisions for the act to enter into force.

¹ OJ L 153, 3.5.2021.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics², and in particular Article 17(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2021/690 establishes a programme for improving the functioning of the internal market ('the programme') for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2027. The indicators for reporting on the progress of the Single Market Programme ('SMP') in achieving the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2021/690 are listed in Annex IV to that Regulation.
- (2) The indicators listed in Annex IV to Regulation (EU) 2021/690, while suitable for the purpose of annual monitoring of performance, are not sufficient to enable a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation of the activities and results of the programme towards achieving its general and specific objectives. Therefore, additional indicators should be laid down as part of the monitoring and evaluation framework.
- (3) The indicators should measure the outputs, results, and impacts of the Programme considering the existing reporting and evaluation requirements established in Articles 17 and 18 of Regulation (EU) 2021/690.
- (4) To ensure that data collection takes place efficiently, effectively and in a timely manner, proportionate reporting requirements should be imposed on the recipients of the SMP's funds, while minimising an administrative burden.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

When monitoring and evaluating the Single Market Programme ('the programme') in accordance with Article 17 and 18 of Regulation (EU) 2021/690 the following indicators shall be used as part of the monitoring and evaluation framework:

The existing Core Performance Indicators set out in Annex IV to Regulation (EU) 2021/690 shall be referred to as:

'OP 1', 'OP 2', 'OP 3', 'OP 4', 'OP 5', 'OP 6', 'OP 7', 'OP 8',
'RES 1', 'RES 2', 'RES 3', 'RES 4', 'RES 5', 'RES 6',

² OJ L 153, 3.5.2021.

‘IMP 1’.

The new indicators set out in the Annex to this Regulation shall in addition measure the outputs, results, and impacts of the programme at second level.

‘OP 0.1.’, ‘OP 0.2.’, ‘OP 0.3.’, ‘OP 0.4.’, ‘OP 0.5.’, ‘OP 1.1.’, ‘OP 1.2.’, ‘OP 2.1.’, ‘OP 4.1.’, ‘OP 4.2.’, ‘OP 4.3.’, ‘OP 4.4.’, ‘OP 4.5.’, ‘OP 4.6.’, ‘OP 5.1.’, ‘OP 6.1.’, ‘OP 6.2.’, ‘OP 6.3.’.

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‘IMP 5.1.’, ‘IMP 6.1.’.

The underlying data used by the Commission to measure the indicators referred to in paragraph 1 shall be collected from data sources within the Commission.

The recipients of Union funds shall provide data on an annual basis when such data are available. A yearly overview of results may be made available to stakeholders based on monitoring factsheets for each action. These monitoring factsheets shall be compiled from data in the project reports and additional data from a reporting tool.

For the Food pillar only, the results will be obtained via the national administrations through the European Health and Digital Executive Agency.

The Commission shall use the data provided by the recipients of Union funds or Member States, to measure the indicators referred to in paragraph 1, as part of the monitoring and evaluation framework.

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, 28.7.2023

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN