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GENERAL BUDGET - 2020
SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLE: 05

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 27/2020

FROM**CHAPTER - 0502** Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural sector through interventions in agricultural markets

ITEM - 05 02 08 99 Other measures for fruit and vegetables (Internal Assigned Revenue) Non-Diff -117 915 493,38

CHAPTER - 0504 Rural development

ITEM - 05 04 01 14 Completion of rural development financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section -- Programming period 2000 to 2006 Non-Diff -370 145,00

CHAPTER - 0508 Policy strategy and coordination of the 'Agriculture and rural development' policy areaARTICLE - 05 08 03 Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys
Commitments -4 000 000,00
Payments -4 000 000,00**TO****CHAPTER - 0503** Direct payments aimed at contributing to farm incomes, limiting farm income variability and meeting environment and climate objectives

ITEM - 05 03 01 10 Basic payment scheme (BPS) Non-Diff 95 188,00

ITEM - 05 03 01 11 Payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment (Internal Assigned Revenue) Non-Diff 117 915 493,38

CHAPTER - 0507 Audit of agricultural expenditure financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF)

ITEM - 05 07 01 07 Expenditure for financial corrections in favour of Member States following decisions on conformity clearance of previous years-- accounts with regard to shared management declared under the EAGGF-Guarantee Section (previous measures) and under the EAGF Non-Diff 4 274 957,00

I. DECREASE

I.1

a) Heading

05 02 08 99 - Other measures for fruit and vegetables (Internal Assigned Revenue)

b) Figures at 05/11/2020

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Internal Assigned Revenue)	155 521 093,58
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	155 521 093,58
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	155 521 093,58
6 Decrease proposed	117 915 493,38
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	37 605 600,20
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	75,82 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/11/2020	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Only a part of the internal assigned revenue generated in 2020 on this budget item is needed to cover expenditure incurred for interventions in agricultural markets. Therefore, it is proposed to transfer the remaining amount of EUR 117,9 million to cover part of the additional needs for direct payments, in particular on budget item 05 03 01 11.

I.2

a) Heading

05 04 01 14 - Completion of rural development financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section -- Programming period 2000 to 2006

b) Figures at 05/11/2020

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	370 145,86
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	370 145,86
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	370 145,86
6 Decrease proposed	370 145,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	0,86
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	100,00 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/11/2020	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

Member States are still in the process of closing rural development measures previously financed by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund – Guarantee section under the 2000-2006 programming period. Under the 2020 budget, they have declared recoveries of previously paid advances related to these measures. As no new commitments are possible for the 2000-2006 measures, the amount of EUR 0,4 million can be made available to cover part of the additional needs appearing on budget items 05 03 01 10 and 05 07 01 07.

I.3

a) Heading

05 08 03 - Restructuring of systems for agricultural surveys

b) Figures at 05/11/2020

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	7 500 000,00	4 940 306,00
2 Transfers	0,00	4 000 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	7 500 000,00	8 940 306,00
4 Appropriations already used	3 274 812,06	2 184 537,85
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	4 225 187,94	6 755 768,15
6 Decrease proposed	4 000 000,00	4 000 000,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5-6)	225 187,94	2 755 768,15
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	53,33 %	80,97 %
9 Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/11/2020	0,00	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

ESTAT has postponed the Lucas project (surveys on land cover, land use and landscapes) to 2022. It is therefore proposed to transfer the available appropriations to budget item 05 07 01 07 in order to cover part of the additional needs.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

05 03 01 10 - Basic payment scheme (BPS)

b) Figures at 05/11/2020

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	17 580 825 132,26
2 Transfers	192 200 000,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	17 773 025 132,26
4 Appropriations already used	17 773 025 132,26
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	0,00
6 Increase requested	95 188,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	95 188,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	0,00 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	302 099 111,74
2 Appropriations available on 05/11/2020	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

Based on the latest expenditure declarations received from Member States on 27/10/2020, the budgetary needs for this budget item are higher than previously expected. Therefore, the proposed reinforcement by EUR 0,1 million will contribute to cover these additional needs.

II.2

a) Heading

05 03 01 11 - Payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment (Internal Assigned Revenue)

b) Figures at 05/11/2020

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Internal Assigned Revenue)	0,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	0,00
4 Appropriations already used	0,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	0,00
6 Increase requested	117 915 493,38
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	117 915 493,38
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	n/a
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/11/2020	0,00
3 Implementation rate $[(1-2)/1]$	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

Based on the latest expenditure declarations received from Member States on 27/10/2020, the budgetary needs for this budget item are higher than previously expected. Therefore, the proposed reinforcement by EUR 117,9 million will contribute to cover these additional needs.

II.3

a) Heading

05 07 01 07 - Expenditure for financial corrections in favour of Member States following decisions on conformity clearance of previous years-- accounts with regard to shared management declared under the EAGGF-Guarantee Section (previous measures) and under the EAGF

b) Figures at 05/11/2020

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations in budget (Initial Budget + AB)	176 600 000,00
2 Transfers	0,00
3 Total appropriations for the year (1+2)	176 600 000,00
4 Appropriations already used	176 600 000,00
5 Appropriations available (3-4)	0,00
6 Increase requested	4 274 957,00
7 Total appropriations up to year end (5+6)	4 274 957,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriations in budget (6/1)	2,42 %
9 Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriations for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 30(1)(b) of the Financial Regulation	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over from previous year)

	Non-Diff
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 05/11/2020	0,00
3 Implementation rate [(1-2)/1]	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the increase

The financial corrections in favour of Member States turned out higher than initially expected and reflected in the budget. Therefore, the proposed reinforcement by EUR 4,3 million will contribute to cover these additional needs.