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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 of 16 December 2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisations of the markets in agricultural products¹, and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 3 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39², Member States wishing to participate in the Union aid scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in educational establishments (the school scheme) are to submit to the Commission by 31 January each year their request for Union aid.
- (2) In order to ensure the effective implementation of the school scheme, the allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk among participating Member States should be fixed, on the basis of the amounts indicated in the request for Union aid by those Member States and taking into account the transfers between Member State's indicative allocations referred to in Article 23a(4)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council³.
- (3) All Member States notified the Commission of their request for Union aid for the period from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018, specifying the amount of aid required for either school fruit and vegetables or for milk, or for both parts of the scheme. In the case of France, Cyprus, Malta and Sweden the amounts requested took account of the transfers between the indicative allocations.
- (4) In order to maximise the full potential of available funds, the unrequested Union aid should be reallocated to Member States participating in the school scheme which indicate, in their request for Union aid, their willingness to use more than their indicative allocation, should additional resources be available.
- (5) Sweden and the United Kingdom sought less than the indicative allocation for the whole scheme. Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Croatia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands,

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (OJ L 346, 20.12.2013, p. 12).

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39 of 3 November 2016 on rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to Union aid for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in educational establishments (OJ L 5, 10.1.2017, p. 1)

³ 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 (JO L 347 20.12.2013, p. 671).

Austria, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Sweden notified in their request for Union aid their willingness to use more than the indicative allocation for school fruit and vegetables and/or for school milk.

- (6) On the basis of the notified information by Member States, the definitive allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 should be fixed.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The definitive allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk among Member States participating in the school scheme for the period from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 is set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23.3.2017

For the Commission
Phil HOGAN
Member of the Commission

