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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021, establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans), and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF), and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013, and (EU) No 1307/2013¹, and in particular Article 119(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 August 2022, the Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2022) 6083² pursuant to Article 118(4) and (6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, approving the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Ireland for Union support financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).
- (2) On 6 April 2023, Ireland submitted to the Commission a first request for amendment of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan, pursuant to Article 119 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.
- (3) In accordance with Article 119(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, the Commission has assessed the request for amendment of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Ireland and has not made observations.
- (4) Ireland has duly substantiated and justified the request for amendment of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan in accordance with Article 119(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and provided all necessary information in accordance with Article 2 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/370³.

¹ OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 1.

² Commission Implementing Decision of 31 August 2022 approving the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Ireland for Union support financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/370 of 13 December 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to procedures, time limits for submission by Member States of requests for amendments of CAP Strategic Plans, and further cases

- (5) Ireland has set the date of effect for the amendments of the CAP Strategic Plan related to EAGF for 7 July 2023. The proposed date has been determined in accordance with Article 119(8), third subparagraph of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.
- (6) The Commission has concluded that the proposed amendments of the CAP Strategic Plan of Ireland comply with the requirements set out in Article 119(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and with Article 2 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/370.
- (7) The requested amendments of the CAP Strategic Plan by Ireland and the date of effect of the amendments related to EAGF should therefore be approved.
- (8) This Decision does not cover information on the control systems and penalties set up by Ireland, and the information included in Annexes I to IV to the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Ireland. It also does not cover State aid within the meaning of Articles 107, 108 and 109 of the Treaty falling outside the scope of Article 42 of the Treaty, which has not been approved by the Commission according to the relevant State aid procedures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The amendments of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan requested by Ireland on 15 May 2023 are hereby approved.

Article 2

The overview table of allocations, including the adjusted allocations, as referred to in Article 112(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 and set out in the CAP Strategic Plan, is set out in Annex I to this Decision.

The total EAFRD contribution for each EAFRD type of intervention is set out in Annex II to this Decision.

The financial ceilings calculated in accordance with Articles 92(2), 93(3), 95(3), 95(4), 95(5), 97(10), 97(11) and 98(2) respectively of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 are specified in Annex III to this Decision.

A table of the additional national financing, as referred to in Article 146 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, is set out in Annex IV to this Decision.

Article 3

The date of effect of the amendments of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan related to EAGF proposed by Ireland for 7 July 2023 is hereby approved.

Article 4

Expenditure that becomes eligible as a result of the amendment of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Ireland related to EAFRD shall be eligible for a contribution from the EAFRD from 6 April 2023.

for which the maximum number of amendments of CAP Strategic Plans does not apply (OJ L 51, 20.2.2023, p. 25).

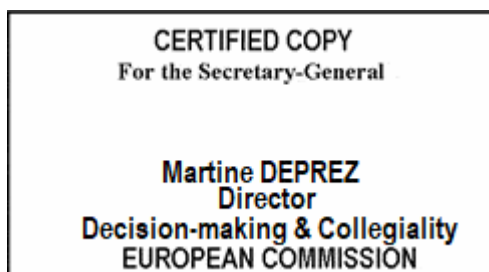
Expenditure that becomes eligible as a result of the amendment of the CAP Strategic Plan of Ireland related to EAGF shall be eligible for a contribution from the EAGF from the date of effect of those amendments referred to in Article 3.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 14.6.2023

For the Commission
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI
Member of the Commission



Annex I

CAP Strategic Plan: overview table

	Financial Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
	[Direct Payments (CY N=FY N+1) under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115]	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
1	Initial Direct Payments allocations (initial Annex V)	N/A	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	5 931 409 980.00
2	Cotton (Annex VIII)	N/A						
3	Initial Direct Payments allocations excluding cotton (initial Annex IX)	N/A	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	5 931 409 980.00
4	Coupled income support (Article 96)	N/A	7 000 000.00	7 000 000.00	7 000 000.00	7 000 000.00	7 000 000.00	35 000 000.00
5	Transfer to EAFRD total amount (flexibility and reduction) Resulting amount	N/A					N/A	
6	Total flexibility — Article 103(1), point (a) — amount	N/A					N/A	
7	If above 25%: of which for the environmental and climate-related objectives (Article 103(2), point (a)) — amount	N/A					N/A	
8	If above 25%: of which for the installation of young farmers (Article 103(2), point (b)) — amount	N/A					N/A	
9	Total flexibility %	N/A					N/A	
10	Transfer to EAFRD of the estimated product of reduction, if applicable (Article 17(5))	N/A					N/A	
11	Transfer to types of interventions in other sectors (Article 88(6)) — amount	N/A						
12	Transfer to types of interventions in other sectors (Article 88(6)) — percentage	N/A						
13	Transferred from EAFRD: amount (Article 103(1), point (b))	N/A					N/A	
16	Adjusted Direct Payments allocation (Annex V)	N/A	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	5 931 409 980.00
17	Adjusted Direct Payments allocations excluding cotton before reduction transfer (Annex IX)	N/A	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	1 186 281 996.00	5 931 409 980.00

	EAGF sectorial under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
18	Wine (Annex VII)						N/A	
19	Apiculture (Annex X)	52 153.70	61 640.00	61 640.00	61 640.00	61 640.00	N/A	298 713.70
22	Types of interventions in other sectors (Article 42 point (f)) from Direct Payments	N/A						
	EAFRD under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
23	Initial EAFRD Member State's allocation (Annex XI)	311 640 628.00	311 640 628.00	311 640 628.00	311 640 628.00	311 640 628.00	N/A	1 558 203 140.00
24	Flexibility transfer to direct payments (Article 103(1), point (b) and (2), point (b)) — amount amount to be entered						N/A	
25	resulting percentage						N/A	
26	Transferred from Direct Payments (flexibility and reduction estimate) (Articles 17 and 103)	1 000.00					N/A	1 000.00
27	Allocated to EU Invest (Article 81)						N/A	
28	Allocated to LIFE (Article 99) - amount						N/A	
28a	Allocated to Erasmus (Article 99) - amount						N/A	
28b	Early retirement carry-over amounts (Article 155(2) point (a)) (Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005) - amount amount						N/A	
30	Adjusted EAFRD Member State's allocations (Annex XI)	311 641 628.00	311 640 628.00	311 640 628.00	311 640 628.00	311 640 628.00	N/A	1 558 204 140.00
	Financial Year, minimum spending requirements under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
31	Reserved for LEADER (Article 92(1)) — minimum 5% over the period resulting percentage	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	N/A	5.00
32	Reserved for LEADER — amount	15 588 000.00	15 588 000.00	15 588 000.00	15 588 000.00	15 588 000.00	N/A	77 940 000.00
33	Reserved for environmental and climate-related objectives under EAFRD (Article 93) (min 35%) — Outermost regions excluded resulting percentage	67.15	67.15	67.15	67.15	67.15	N/A	67.15
34	Reserved for environmental and climate-related objectives under EAFRD — amount	209 265 891.81	209 265 891.81	209 265 891.81	209 265 891.81	209 265 889.14	N/A	1 046 329 456.38
35	- Out of which for Article 70	141 315 030.54	141 315 030.54	141 315 030.54	141 315 030.54	141 315 027.84	N/A	706 575 150.00
36	- Out of which for Article 71 (50%)	50 262 500.00	50 262 500.00	50 262 500.00	50 262 500.00	50 262 500.00	N/A	251 312 500.00
37	- Out of which for Article 72						N/A	
38	- Out of which for Article 73 linked to specific objectives in Article 6(1), points (d), (e) and (f) and, as regards animal welfare, in Article 6(1), point (i)	17 688 361.27	17 688 361.27	17 688 361.27	17 688 361.27	17 688 361.30	N/A	88 441 806.38
38a	- Out of which for Article 74 linked to specific objectives in Article 6(1), points (d), (e) and (f)						N/A	
39	Difference as compared to minimum amount	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	500 958 007.38
39a	To be reserved for young farmers (Annex XII) - (Article 95) (if only Direct Payments: annual amounts to be respected)	N/A	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	177 942 300.00
39b	Reserved for young farmers		35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	177 942 300.00

40	Reserved for young farmers - needed to reach minimum requirements		35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	177 942 300.00
41	- through Complementary income support for young farmers (under Direct Payments)	N/A	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	177 942 300.00
42	"of which needed to reach minimum requirement" - basis for reverse ceiling	N/A	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	35 588 460.00	177 942 300.00
43	- through investments by young farmers (weighted at 50%) (under Rural Development)						N/A	
44	"of which needed to reach minimum requirement" - basis for reverse ceiling						N/A	
45	- setting up of young farmers (under Rural Development)						N/A	
46	"of which needed to reach minimum requirement" - basis for reverse ceiling						N/A	
47	Minimum amount to be reserved for eco-schemes (Article 97)	N/A	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	1 482 852 495.00
48	Rebate (where relevant - optional for Member States)	N/A						
49	Annual amounts reserved for eco-schemes under Direct Payments	N/A	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	1 482 852 495.00
51	Total amount for eco-schemes	N/A	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	296 570 499.00	1 482 852 495.00
53	Amount reserved for redistributive payment (Article 29) - minimum 10% annually applied on row 17, unless derogation applies	N/A	118 628 199.60	118 628 199.60	118 628 199.60	118 628 199.60	118 628 199.60	593 140 998.00

Annex II

Total EAFRD contribution for each type of intervention and for technical assistance

Article 32(6) point (b) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116: Total EAFRD contribution to each type of intervention under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 for the entire period		
		in EUR
01	Environmental, climate-related and other management commitments (Article 70)	706 575 150.00
02	Natural or other area-specific constraints (Article 71)	502 625 000.00
03	Area-specific disadvantages resulting from certain mandatory requirements (Article 72)	0.00
04	Investments, including investments in irrigation (Articles 73 and 74)	128 651 806.38
05	Setting up of young farmers and new farmers and rural business start-up (Article 75)	0.00
06	Risk management tools (Article 76)	0.00
07	Cooperation (Article 77)	178 306 170.50
08	Knowledge exchange and dissemination of information (Article 78)	39 606 813.00

Article 94 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115: Total EAFRD contribution for Technical assistance for the entire period		
	in EUR	% EAFRD
	2 439 198.74	0.1565391

Annex III

Reverse financial ceilings

Table 1	
Financial ceilings for the total EAFRD expenditure for rural development for the entire period of the CAP Strategic Plan under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, other than:	
	in EUR
LEADER (Article 92(2))	1 480 293 933.00
Interventions addressing environmental and climate-related specific objectives (Article 93(3))	1 012 832 691.00
Interventions under Article 70, Article 72, Article 73 and Article 74 insofar these interventions address the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1), points (d), (e), (f) and as regards animal welfare, in Article 6(1)(i) and insofar these interventions are taken into account for a reduction of the eco-schemes ringfencing requirement (Article 97(11)) ¹	N/A
Interventions for the setting up of young farmers (Article 95(4)) ²	N/A
Investments by young farmers (Articles 75(2) point (a), Article 95(5) and Article 73(4), second subparagraph, point (a)(ii)) ²	N/A

Table 2					
Financial ceilings per calendar year, for the total expenditure for types of intervention in the form of Direct Payments under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 other than:					
	in EUR				
	Calendar year 2023	Calendar year 2024	Calendar year 2025	Calendar year 2026	Calendar year 2027
Complementary income support for young farmers (Article 95(3)) ³	1 150 693 536.00	1 150 693 536.00	1 150 693 536.00	1 150 693 536.00	1 150 693 536.00
Schemes for the climate, environment and animal welfare (Article 97(10))	N/A	N/A	913 437 136.92	913 437 136.92	889 711 497.00
Complementary redistributive income support for sustainability (Article 98(2))	1 067 653 796.40	1 067 653 796.40	1 067 653 796.40	1 067 653 796.40	1 067 653 796.40

¹ This reverse ceiling is only established in case of application of a reduction to the eco-schemes ringfencing provided for under Article 97(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115. Otherwise, the row is not applicable.

² This reverse ceiling is only established in case the relevant EAFRD interventions are used for the generational renewal minimum amount ringfencing provided for under Article 95 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115. Otherwise, the row is not applicable.

³ This reverse ceiling is only established in case complementary income support for young farmers interventions are used for the generational renewal minimum amount ringfencing provided for under Article 95 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115. Otherwise, the row is not applicable.

Annex IV

Additional national financing provided within the scope of the CAP Strategic Plan

Rural development interventions under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115	
Intervention in the CAP Strategic Plan for which financing is granted	Budget (in EUR)

National financial assistance in the fruits and vegetables sector under Regulation (EU) 2021/2115						
	Calendar year 2023	Calendar year 2024	Calendar year 2025	Calendar year 2026	Calendar year 2027	Additional information
Estimated amount of national financial assistance (in EUR) (Article 53)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	