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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 11, point (b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The rural development programme of Bulgaria for support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) for the 2014-2020 programming period was approved by Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 3480 on 26 May 2015 and last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2022)9936.
- (2) On 23 February 2023, Bulgaria submitted to the Commission a request for the approval of an amendment to its rural development programme pursuant to Article 11, point (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013.
- (3) In accordance with Article 30(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council², the Commission has assessed the request to amend the rural development programme and has not made any observations.
- (4) The competent authorities of Bulgaria have duly substantiated and justified the request for amendment in accordance with Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 4(1) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014³.
- (5) The Commission has concluded that the proposed amendment of the rural development programme complies with Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and with Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013.

¹ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 487.

² Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320).

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (OJ L 227, 31.7.2014, p. 18).

- (6) The amendment to the rural development programme should therefore be approved.
- (7) Article 4(2), third subparagraph, point (a) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 provides that the maximum number of amendments referred to in the first and second subparagraphs of that Article does not apply in case of emergency measures which need to be taken due to the specific conditions listed in that point (a). This request for amendment relates to such measures.
- (8) This Decision does not cover State aid within the meaning of Articles 107, 108 and 109 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('the Treaty'), falling outside the scope of Article 42 of the Treaty in cases where the State aid has not yet been approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The amendment to the rural development programme of Bulgaria, submitted to the Commission on 23 February 2023, is hereby approved.

Article 2

Expenditure that becomes eligible as a result of the amendment of the programme shall be eligible from 23 February 2023.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Done at Brussels, 21.3.2023

For the Commission
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