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**of 29.6.2023**

**amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 760 of 13 February 2015  
adopting "the Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development of the former  
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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)<sup>2</sup>, in particular Article 7(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 19(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission by its Decision C(2015) 760 of 13 February 2015 adopted “the Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) for the years 2014-2020 (“IPARD II Programme”). The IPARD II Programme was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 5355 of 20 July 2022.
- (2) On 20 April 2023 the Monitoring Committee for the IPARD II Programme for North Macedonia considered and approved the proposal to amend the IPARD II Programme, via written procedure.
- (3) On 24 April 2023 the National Authorities of North Macedonia submitted a proposal to the Commission to amend the IPARD II Programme including the revised financial plan.
- (4) The proposed modification is of financial nature including amendments of financial breakdowns among the measures. It is related to the adaptation of financial tables in order to take into account the reallocation of budget from Measure 1 “*Investments in physical assets in agricultural holdings*”, Measure 7 “*Farm Diversification and Business Development*” and Measure 9 “*Technical Assistance*” to Measure 3

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2019, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p. 1.

*“Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products”*. With this budget reallocation the potential risk for de-commitment will be avoided at the moment of closure of the programme.

- (5) The Commission considers that the proposed modification is duly justified and consequently, it is appropriate for the IPARD II Programme to be modified accordingly.
- (6) Therefore, Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 760 of 13 February 2015 should be amended accordingly.
- (7) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>4</sup>.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. Once adopted, it shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States via the IPA Committee set up by Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 within one month of the date of its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 760 of 13 February 2015, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 5355 of 20 July 2022, is modified as follows:

1. In Article 2, second paragraph, the table is replaced by the following:

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<b>Measure</b>	<b>EU contribution</b>
Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings	17 120 000
Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products	27 025 587
Farm diversification and business development	15 394 413
Technical Assistance	460 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 000 000</b>

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2. The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 29.6.2023

*For the Commission*  
*Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI*  
*Member of the Commission*

<sup>4</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.