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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS

Subject: Template for the Member States' strategy to implement the school scheme (Annex 1) for transmission to the Delegates in the Committee on the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets, Animal Products Sector and Fruit and Vegetables Sector.

Please find enclosed an updated template for the strategy to implement the scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables and of milk, accompanying educational measures and related costs (hereafter, the "school scheme") - Article 23(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013¹ - that Member States shall notify to the Commission, according to Article 2(3) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/40² supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

The purpose of the template is to provide for a uniform presentation of information to be included in the strategy, according to the requirements of Article 2 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39³ on rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

The template takes up both the elements listed in Article 2(1) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39 that *must* be included in the strategy and, in textboxes highlighted in grey for easier reference, the elements contained in Article 2(2) of that Regulation that *may* be included in the strategy, for the sake of completeness and transparency.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organization of the markets in agricultural products, amended by Regulation (EU) [2016/791](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016, OJ L 135 of 24.5.2016, p. 1.

² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2017/40](#) of 3 November 2016 supplementing 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 and amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 907/2014, OJ L 5 of 10.1.2017, p.11.

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2017/39](#) of 3 November 2017 on rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 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 of 10.1.2017, p. 1.

The latter elements, if not included in the strategy, are to be kept available and provided to the Commission services upon request, namely in case of audits or as part of an exchange of information on good practices or irregularities.

The explanatory text and the footnotes in italics in the template (to be removed from the document when notified to the Commission) aim at a shared understanding of the key elements of the strategy. Member States are free to provide any additional element they consider necessary or useful.

The template was reviewed based on issues raised during the previous implementation period 2017-2023. The same template serves for the Member States' notification of amendments to the strategy, required by Article 2(4) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/40, with keeping track changes.

According to Article 13 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39, Member States shall notify their strategy for 2023/2029 school year through the relevant form in the ISAMM (Information system for agricultural market management and monitoring) IT system – forms 708 (strategies) -709 (amendments). The template in Annex has been downloaded in ISAMM so as to avoid confusion about the version to be used.

This working document does not intend to produce legally binding effects and, by its very nature, does not prejudice Member States' and the Commission's prerogatives for implementing Union legislation, nor any case law developed with regard to such legislation.

I would be grateful if you could transmit this working document to the Delegates in the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets, Animal Products and Fruit and Vegetables Sectors, who are responsible for the EU school scheme.

I would appreciate to receive updated information on the contact point(s) in your Member State for information on the school scheme that will be made available in the Europa website, for any queries from the public (AGRI-SCHOOL-SCHEME@ec.europa.eu).

Electronically signed

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