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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 13 September 2022, the Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2022) 6490² pursuant to Article 118(4) and (6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, approving the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Austria for Union support financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).
- (2) On 21 June 2023, Austria 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. Austria revised its request for amendment and submitted a revised version of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Austria on 25 July 2023.
- (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 Austria and has not made observations.
- (4) Austria 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 13.09.2022 approving the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Austria 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

- (5) Austria has set the date of effect of the amendment to the Standard for Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition of the land (GAEC) 6 for the day after the date of notification to Austria of the Commission implementing decision approving the amendment and for all other changes related to EAGF, Austria has set the date of effect for 1 January 2024. The proposed dates of effect have 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 Austria 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 amendments of the CAP Strategic Plan requested by Austria and the dates 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 Austria, and the information included in Annexes I to IV to the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Austria. 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 submitted by Austria on 25 July 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, as amended following the approval laid down in Article 1 of this Decision, is set out in Annex I to this Decision.

The total EAFRD contribution for each EAFRD type of intervention, as amended following the approval laid down in Article 1 of this Decision, 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, as amended following the approval laid down in Article 1 of this Decision, are set out in Annex III to this Decision.

A table of the additional national financing, as referred to in Article 146 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, as amended following the approval laid down in Article 1 of this Decision, is set out in Annex IV to this Decision.

Article 3

The dates of effect of the amendments of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan related to EAGF proposed by Austria, for the day after the date of notification to Austria of the Commission implementing decision approving the amendment of the Standard for Good Agricultural and

for submission by Member States of requests for amendments of CAP Strategic Plans, and further cases for which the maximum number of amendments of CAP Strategic Plans does not apply (OJ L 51, 20.2.2023, p. 25).

Environmental Condition of land (GAEC) 6 and for 1 January 2024, for all other amendments related to EAGF, are hereby approved.

Article 4

Expenditure that becomes eligible as a result of the amendment of the 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plan of Austria related to EAFRD, shall be eligible for a contribution from the EAFRD from 21 June 2023.

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

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Austria.

Done at Brussels, 23.8.2023

For the Commission
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI
Member of the Commission