COUNCIL DECISION

of 15 July 2008

amending Decision 2006/493/EC laying down the amount of Community support for rural development for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013, its annual breakdown and the minimum amount to be concentrated in regions eligible under the Convergence Objective

(2008/584/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 of 20 September 2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) [1], and in particular Article 69(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Council Decision 2006/493/EC [2] lays down the amount of Community support for rural development for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013, its annual breakdown and the minimum amount to be concentrated in regions eligible under the Convergence Objective.

(2) Since the Budgetary Authority has decided to transfer certain commitment appropriations for Community support for rural development under Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 which were not used in 2007, in accordance with paragraph 48 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management [3], Decision 2006/493/EC should be amended in order to reallocate those appropriations to the period from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2013.

(3) Decision 2006/493/EC should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2006/493/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply as from 1 January 2008.

Done at Brussels, 15 July 2008.

For the Council
The President
M. BARNIER

[1] OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 146/2008 (OJ L 46, 21.2.2008, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 195, 15.7.2006, p. 22.
[3] OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1. Agreement last amended by Decision 2008/371/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 128, 16.5.2008, p. 8).

ANNEX

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Total amount of commitment appropriations for 2007-13, annual breakdown and minimum amount to be concentrated in regions eligible under the Convergence Objective (*)

2004 prices in EUR (**)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Total amount for EU-25 plus Bulgaria and Romania	9 325 497 783	10 788 767 263	10 515 007 756	10 278 583 653	9 824 886 713	9 588 187 168	9 356 225 581	69 677 155 918
Minimum amount for regions eligible under the Convergence Objective								27 676 975 284

(*) Before compulsory modulation and other transfers from market-related expenditure and direct payments of the common agricultural policy to rural development.
(**) Amounts are rounded to the nearest euro.

Total amount of commitment appropriations for 2007-13, annual breakdown and minimum amount to be concentrated in regions eligible under the Convergence Objective (*)

current prices in EUR (**)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Total amount for EU-25 plus Bulgaria and Romania	9 896 292 851	11 678 108 653	11 609 418 209	11 575 354 634	11 285 706 554	11 234 089 442	11 181 555 662	78 460 526 005
Minimum amount for regions eligible under the Convergence Objective								31 232 644 963

(*) Before compulsory modulation and other transfers from market-related expenditure and direct payments of the common agricultural policy to rural development.
(**) Amounts are rounded to the nearest euro.'