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Article 1

1. Union aid of a total amount of EUR 350 000 000 shall be available to Member States to provide exceptional adjustment aid to milk producers and/or to farmers in the beef and veal, pigmeat and sheepmeat and goatmeat sectors ('farmers in other livestock sectors').

Member States shall use the amounts available to them as set out in the Annex for measures taken on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, provided that the resulting payments do not cause distortion of competition.

The measures taken by the Member States shall support milk producers and/or farmers in other livestock sectors who engage in one or more of the following activities that aim at fostering the economic sustainability of their holdings and that contribute to market stabilisation:

(a) production reduction beyond that covered by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1612 ([1]) or not increasing production;

(b) small-scale farming;

(c) the application of extensive production methods;

(d) the application of environmental and climate friendly production methods;

(e) the implementation of cooperation projects;

(f) the implementation of quality schemes or projects aiming at promoting quality and value added;

(g) training in financial instruments and risk management tools.

Member States shall ensure that, when milk producers and farmers in other livestock sectors are not the direct beneficiaries of the payments, the economic benefit of the aid is passed on to them in full.

Member States' expenditure in relation to the payments under this Regulation shall only be eligible for Union aid if those payments have been made by 30 September 2017 at the latest.

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However, as regards the earthquake-stricken regions in Italy, expenditure in relation to the payments under this Regulation for livestock farmers shall only be eligible for Union aid if those payments have been made by 30 September 2018 at the latest.

([1]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1612 of 8 September 2016 providing aid for milk production reduction (see page 4 of this Official Journal).

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2. In respect of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Sweden and the United Kingdom, the operative event for the exchange rate as regards the amounts set out in the Annex shall be the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

3. Measures under this Regulation may be cumulated with other support financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Article 2

Member States may grant additional support for the measures taken under Article 1 up to a maximum of 100 % of the corresponding amount as set out in the Annex, under the same conditions of objectiveness, non-discrimination and non-distortion of competition as laid down in Article 1.

Member States shall pay the additional support by 30 September 2017 at the latest.

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In addition to the support referred to in the first subparagraph, with regard to Italy, further support for livestock farmers in earthquake-stricken regions may be granted up to a maximum of 100 % of the amount as set out in the Annex.

Additional support for livestock farmers in earthquake-stricken regions in Italy shall be paid by 30 September 2018 at the latest.

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Article 3

Member States shall notify the Commission of the following:

(a) without delay and no later than 30 November 2016:

(i) a description of the concrete measures to be taken;

(ii) the objective criteria used to determine the methods for granting the aid and, where appropriate, the rationale for using the aid for other livestock sectors than the milk sector;

(iii) the intended impact of the measures in view of stabilising the market;

(iv) the measures taken to check that the intended impact is reached;

(v) the measures taken to avoid distortion of competition;

(vi) the level of additional support granted pursuant to Article 2;

(b) no later than 15 October 2017, the total amounts paid per measure, the number and type of beneficiaries and the assessment of the effectiveness of the measure.

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However, with regard to support for livestock farmers in earthquake-stricken regions, Italy shall notify the Commission no later than 15 October 2018 of the total amounts paid per measure, the number and type of beneficiaries and the assessment of the effectiveness of the measure.

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Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

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ANNEX

Member State	EUR
Belgium	10 979 636
Bulgaria	5 809 941
Czech Republic	10 346 106
Denmark	9 294 305
Germany	57 955 101
Estonia	8 081 123
Ireland	11 086 327
Greece	1 683 910
Spain	14 665 678
France	49 900 853
Croatia	1 517 133
Italy	20 942 300
Cyprus	297 165
Latvia	9 760 362
Lithuania	13 298 661
Luxembourg	560 115
Hungary	9 543 566
Malta	100 092
Netherlands	22 952 419
Austria	5 863 491
Poland	22 670 129
Portugal	3 988 059
Romania	10 896 083
Slovenia	1 145 506
Slovakia	2 062 803
Finland	7 521 715
Sweden	6 881 425
United Kingdom	30 195 996