Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N o 639/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy and amending Annex X to that Regulation

CHAPTER 4

PAYMENT FOR YOUNG FARMERS

Article 49

Access of legal persons to the payment for young farmers

1. The annual payment for young farmers referred to in Article 50(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 shall be granted to a legal person irrespective of its legal form if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) the legal person is entitled to a payment under the basic payment scheme or the single area payment scheme referred to in Chapter 1 of Title III of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 and has activated payment entitlements or declared eligible hectares, as referred to in Article 50(4) of that Regulation;
- (b) a young farmer within the meaning of Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 exercises effective and long-term control over the legal person in terms of decisions related to management, benefits and financial risks in the first year of the legal person's application for the payment under the young farmers scheme. Where several natural persons, including person(s) who are not young farmer(s), participate in the capital or management of the legal person, the young farmer shall be capable of exercising such effective and long-term control either solely or jointly together with other farmers;
- (c) at least one of the young farmers fulfilling the condition set out in point (b) meets the eligibility criteria established by Member States pursuant to Article 50(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, if any, unless Member States have decided that those criteria shall apply to all such young farmers.

Where a legal person is solely or jointly controlled by another legal person, the conditions set out in point (b) of the first subparagraph shall apply to any natural person having control over that other legal person.

2. The payment referred to in Article 50(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 shall no longer be granted if all young farmers complying with the criteria set out in point (b) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 and, where appropriate, in point (c) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 have ceased control over the legal person.

- 3. For the purposes of this Article:
- (a) any reference in Article 50(4) to (10) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 to 'farmer' shall be construed as a reference to the legal person referred to in this Article;
- (b) the reference to the first submission of an application to the basic payment scheme or single area payment scheme referred to in Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No

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1307/2013 shall be construed as a reference to the legal person's first application for the payment under the young farmers scheme;

(c) without prejudice to paragraph 4 of this Article, the reference in the second sentence of Article 50(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 to 'setting up' shall be construed as a reference to the setting up by the young farmers having control over the legal person in accordance with point (b) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 of this Article.

4. Where several young farmers as referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 have acquired control over the legal person at different moments of time, the earliest acquisition of control shall be considered as the time of 'setting up' referred to in the second sentence of Article 50(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013.

Article 50

Access of a group of natural persons to the payment for young farmers

Article 49 shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of a group of natural persons as referred to in Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 for which the requirements laid down in Article 49(1)(a) of this Regulation are met at the level of the group.

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