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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 764**

**The Rural Development (Amendment)  
(EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

**PART 2**

Amendment of Regulations governing the 2014-2020 rural development programmes

**Amendment of Title 1 (objectives and strategy)**

**3.—(1)** For Article 1(1) substitute—

“(1) This Regulation lays down general rules governing support for rural development. It sets out the objectives to which rural development policy is to contribute and the relevant priorities for rural development. It outlines the strategic context for rural development policy and defines the measures to be adopted in order to implement rural development policy. In addition, it lays down rules on programming, networking, management, monitoring and evaluation.”.

**(2)** In Article 2—

**(a)** in paragraph 1—

**(i)** in the first subparagraph, after “Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013” insert “as it had effect immediately before exit day”;

**(ii)** in the second subparagraph—

**(aa)** in point (a) for “joint action by the Union” to the end substitute “action to achieve the priorities for rural development”;

**(bb)** in point (b), at the end insert “as it had effect immediately before exit day.”;

**(cc)** in point (c) omit “Union”;

**(dd)** at point (i) for “the Annex to Council [Decision 2009/470/EC](#)” substitute “Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014”;

**(ee)** after point (s) insert—

**(t)** “Directive 2000/29” means [Directive 2000/29/EC](#) of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community<sup>(1)</sup>;

**(u)** “Directive 2009/147” means [Directive 2009/147/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conservation of wild birds<sup>(2)</sup>;

**(b)** in paragraph 2—

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1, as last amended by Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2017/1920 of 19 October 2017 amending Annex IV to Council [Directive 2000/29/EC](#) (OJ L 271, 20.10.2017, p. 34).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7, as last amended by Council [Directive 2013/17/EU](#) (OJ No L 158, 10.6.2013, p. 193).

- (i) for “A Member State” substitute “The relevant authority”;
- (ii) for “Member States” substitute “relevant authorities”;
- (c) at the end insert—

“4. In these Regulations, references to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 are references to Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, as amended by the European Structural and Investment Funds Common Provisions (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.”.

- (3) For Article 3 substitute—

*“Article 3*

**Mission**

Support provided through rural development programmes shall contribute to promoting sustainable rural development in a manner that complements other support provided to the agriculture and fisheries sectors and to less developed regions. It shall contribute to the development of an agricultural sector that is more territorially and environmentally balanced, climate-friendly and resilient and competitive and innovative. It shall also contribute to the development of rural territories.”.

- (4) In Article 4, for “the CAP” substitute “agricultural support”.

- (5) In Article 5—

- (a) for the first paragraph substitute—

“The achievement of the objectives of rural development shall be pursued through the following six priorities for rural development, which reflect the relevant Thematic Objectives of the CSF:”;

- (b) in the penultimate paragraph, omit from “When a Member State” to “four priorities”.