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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 785**

**The European Structural and Investment Funds Common Provisions (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

**PART 3**

Amendments to retained direct EU legislation

**Amendment of Title 2 of Part Two**

**6.—(1) In Article 9 —**

(a) for the first paragraph substitute—

“In order to contribute to the Fund-specific missions, support for rural development and support under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 must support the following thematic objectives:”;

(b) in point (3), for “(for the EAFRD)” substitute ““(for support for rural development)” and for “(for the EMFF)” substitute ““(for support under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014)”;

(c) in the second and third paragraphs, for “each of the ESI Funds” substitute “support for rural development and support under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014”;

(d) in the third paragraph, for “each ESI Fund”, substitute “support for rural development and support under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014”.

**(2) In Article 10—**

(a) for paragraph 1 substitute—

“**1.** In order to promote harmonious, balanced and sustainable development, a Common Strategic Framework (“CSF”) is hereby established as set out in Annex I. The CSF establishes strategic guiding principles to facilitate the programming process and the sectoral and territorial coordination of intervention through support for rural development and support under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, taking into account the key territorial challenges of the various types of territories.”;

(b) for paragraph 2 substitute—

“**2.** The strategic guiding principles as set out in the CSF shall be established in line with the purpose and within the scope of the support for rural development and support under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, and in line with this Regulation and the Fund-specific rules. The CSF shall not impose additional obligations upon constituent nations beyond those set out within the framework of the relevant sectorial policies.”

(c) in paragraph 3 omit “the Partnership Agreement and”.

**(3) In Article 11 —**

(a) omit point (a);

(b) for “the ESI Funds”, in each place it occurs, substitute “support for rural development and support under Regulation (EU) No 508/2014”;

- (c) in point (c), for the words from “other relevant Union” to “for co-operation” substitute “direct payment support and CMO support”;
  - (d) in point (e) omit “as referred to in Article 174 TFEU and the specific challenges of outermost regions within the meaning of Article 349 TFEU”;
  - (e) in point (f) omit the words from “taking account” to “strategies”.
- (4) In Article 12 omit the first paragraph.
  - (5) Omit Articles 13 to 18.
  - (6) For Article 19 substitute—

“The relevant authority must assess in accordance with its institutional and legal framework and in the context of the preparation of its programmes whether the ex ante conditionalities laid down in the respective Fund-specific rules and the general ex ante conditionalities set out in Part II of Annex XI are applicable to the specific objectives pursued within the priorities of their programmes and whether the applicable ex ante conditionalities are fulfilled.”.

- (7) Omit Articles 20 to 25.