

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2023/655**of 10 March 2023****fixing the definitive allocation of Union aid to Member States for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024 and amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/493***(notified under document C(2023) 1532)*

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1370/2013 of 16 December 2013 determining measures on fixing certain aids and refunds related to the common organisations of the markets in agricultural products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 3 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39 ⁽²⁾, Member States wishing to participate in the Union aid scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in educational establishments (the school scheme) are to submit to the Commission by 31 January each year their request for Union aid relating to the next school year and, if applicable, update the request for Union aid relating to the ongoing school year.
- (2) In order to ensure the effective implementation of the school scheme, the allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk among participating Member States should be fixed on the basis of the amounts indicated in the request for Union aid by those Member States and taking into account the transfers between Member State's indicative allocations referred to in Article 23a(4), point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾.
- (3) All Member States notified the Commission of their request for Union aid for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024, specifying the amount of aid requested for school fruit and vegetables or for school milk, or for both parts of the scheme. In the case of Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Sweden, the amounts requested took account of the transfers between the indicative allocations.
- (4) In order to maximise the full potential of available funds, the unrequested Union aid should be reallocated to Member States participating in the school scheme that indicate, in their request for Union aid, their willingness to use more than their indicative allocation, should additional resources be available.
- (5) In their request for Union aid for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024, Sweden sought less than the indicative allocation for school fruit and vegetables. Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Spain, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia notified their willingness to use more than the indicative allocation for school fruit and vegetables. No Member State sought less than the indicative allocation for school milk.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 346, 20.12.2013, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39 of 3 November 2016 on rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to Union aid for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in educational establishments (OJ L 5, 10.1.2017, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

- (6) On the basis of the notified information by Member States, the definitive allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024 should be fixed.
- (7) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/493 ⁽⁴⁾ fixed the definitive allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk among Member States wishing to participate in the school scheme for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1187 ⁽⁵⁾ amended Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/493 as regards the definitive allocation of Union aid to Member States for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 to take into account the exceptional second requests for Union aid submitted by Member States pursuant to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/861 ⁽⁶⁾ for that same period.
- (8) In the notifications submitted by 31 January 2023 pursuant to Article 3 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39, some Member States updated their request for Union aid relating to the school year 2022/2023. Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, Austria and Finland notified transfers between the definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables and the definitive allocation for school milk. Germany and the Netherlands sought less than the definitive allocation for school milk. Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Slovakia and Sweden notified their willingness to use more than the definitive allocation for school milk.
- (9) Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/493 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The definitive allocation of Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk among Member States participating in the school scheme for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024 is set out in Annex I.

Article 2

Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/493 is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/493 of 21 March 2022 fixing the definitive allocation of Union aid to Member States for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 and amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/462 (OJ L 100, 28.3.2022, p. 55).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1187 of 7 July 2022 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/493 as regards the definitive allocation of Union aid to Member States for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 (OJ L 184, 11.7.2022, p. 56).

⁽⁶⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/861 of 1 June 2022 laying down exceptional rules for the Member States' second requests for Union aid for school fruit and vegetables and for school milk and derogating from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39 as regards the reallocation of Union aid, for the period from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 (OJ L 151, 2.6.2022, p. 42).

Done at Brussels, 10 March 2023.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

School year 2023/2024

Member State	Definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables in EUR	Definitive allocation for school milk in EUR
Belgium	3 815 785	1 433 417
Bulgaria	2 185 256	1 800 090
Czechia	3 473 993	3 048 057
Denmark	1 739 147	1 632 431
Germany	21 196 752	8 910 720
Estonia	412 360	754 955
Ireland	1 966 159	826 537
Greece	3 149 503	1 464 086
Spain	13 922 472	6 023 462
France	18 176 401	14 523 309
Croatia	1 322 043	610 533
Italy	15 293 816	6 910 347
Cyprus	300 828	252 652
Latvia	671 180	868 581
Lithuania	923 603	1 236 781
Luxembourg	297 570	193 000
Hungary	2 994 731	2 970 122
Malta	290 000	193 000
Netherlands	5 722 702	1 632 699
Austria	2 414 539	1 015 027
Poland	12 565 488	12 791 591
Portugal	2 804 412	1 301 261
Romania	6 178 236	11 303 390
Slovenia	689 729	305 638
Slovakia	1 915 162	1 659 402
Finland	1 672 943	2 731 455
Sweden	0	8 316 782
Total	126 094 810	94 709 325

ANNEX II

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School year 2022/2023

Member State	Definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables in EUR	Definitive allocation for school milk in EUR
Belgium	3 405 460	1 613 199
Bulgaria	2 145 826	1 030 342
Czechia	3 515 512	2 000 127
Denmark	1 855 060	1 578 658
Germany	20 867 400	9 614 058
Estonia	520 903	779 265
Ireland	1 811 303	1 033 661
Greece	3 221 670	1 550 685
Spain	13 442 293	6 152 902
France	16 271 478	16 146 588
Croatia	1 390 541	800 354
Italy	17 117 780	8 003 535
Cyprus	390 044	400 177
Latvia	658 180	748 041
Lithuania	966 451	1 135 641
Luxembourg	295 111	205 725
Hungary	3 122 448	1 945 693
Malta	293 504	201 724
Netherlands	6 006 511	642 270
Austria	2 401 768	944 680
Poland	12 494 071	10 739 507
Portugal	3 283 397	2 220 981
Romania	6 900 318	10 455 944
Slovenia	570 823	311 770
Slovakia	1 872 965	1 070 557
Finland	1 799 047	3 624 689
Sweden	0	9 233 498
Total	126 619 864	94184271'