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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

on the methods and procedure for making available the traditional and GNI-based own resources and on the measures to meet cash requirements

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

The purpose of this proposal is to lay down, in accordance with Article 322(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (hereinafter "TFEU"), provisions necessary to determine the methods and procedure whereby Member States make available to the Commission the traditional own resources (TOR) and the GNI-based own resource referred to in Article 2(1)(a) and (d) of Council Decision [.../...] on the system of own resources of the European Union (hereinafter "ORD 2014")¹, respectively. It also determines the measures to be applied, if need be, to meet cash requirements. This proposal is hereinafter referred to as "IR 322(2)".

These practical arrangements implement the system set out in ORD 2014 in respect of the establishment of TOR, conservation of supporting documents, administrative cooperation, accounts to be kept for own resources, the timing for making them available and for making adjustments and, where necessary, provisions concerning cash management and irrecoverable amounts.

The proposal incorporates the provisions of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No $1150/2000^2$ with the exception of those not strictly related to the making available of TOR and the GNI-based own resource or to cash requirements. Accordingly, provisions concerning the rate of call for the GNI-based own resource, the calculation and budgeting of the balance, control and supervision including supplementary reporting requirements, as well as the Advisory Committee on Own Resources (ACOR) are taken over in the Council Regulation proposed in accordance with Article 311(4)TFEU³ (hereinafter "IR 311(4)").

For reasons of clarity and rationality, and in the context of the own resources package, Regulation No 1150/2000 should therefore be recast. This does not entail material changes in the existing provisions. A very small number of substantive amendments are however needed to reflect recent experience in the management of TOR and the GNI-based own resource by the Commission. In addition, legal references are updated where necessary and titles are added to the articles to improve readability.

The ORD 2014 can enter into force only after the Decision has been adopted by all Member States in accordance with their constitutional requirements. Therefore, IR 322(2), as also proposed for IR 311(4), should apply (retroactively) from 1 January 2014.

The amendments proposed by the Commission are summarised hereafter.

1.1 Chapter I 'General provisions'

Article 3 of the proposal, 'Conservation of supporting documents': Provisions under Article 3 of Regulation No 1150/2000 are taken over. In addition, the experience with disputes concerning the obligation to make available a certain amount of own resources shows that their settlement often takes more than three years. Consequently, supporting documents concerning the establishment and making available of own resources are no longer kept by

¹ OJ L [...], [...], p. [...].

² OJ L 130, 31.5.2000, p.1.

³ OJ L [...], [...], p. [...].

Member States thus preventing timely financial follow-up by the Commission. In such cases, complex flat-rate methods of calculation based on estimations may be very time and resource consuming for both national authorities and Commission. Therefore, it is proposed that Member States should keep relevant supporting documents and transmit them to the Commission within two months after the dispute is settled by mutual agreement or decision of the Court of justice.

1.2 Chapter III 'Making available own resources'

Article 8 of the proposal, 'Treasury and accounting arrangements'

Provisions under Article 9 of Regulation No 1150/2000 are taken over and updated. Notwithstanding the fact that it stems from the reference to conversion rates in Article 10 of Regulation 1150/2000 that Member States shall make available the own resources in national currency, it is appropriate to refer explicitly to national currencies in Article 8(1) of the proposal to improve transparency.

Article 9 of the proposal, 'Determining amounts, timing for making available, adjustments'

Provisions under Article 10 and 16 of Regulation No 1150/2000 are taken over and updated. It is appropriate to include in Article 9(3) of the proposal a practical solution avoiding uncertainty for Member States' treasuries on the entries to be made where the budget has not been finally adopted at the latest two weeks before the entry for January of the following financial year. It appears also necessary to specify in Article 9(7) of the proposal that, once the financial year concerned has ended, the financing of gross reductions will not be modified in the event of modifications of the GNI data pursuant to Article 2(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) 1287/2003⁴.

Article 11 of the proposal, 'Interest on late making available'

Provisions under Article 11 of Regulation No 1150/2000 are taken over. In cases where the amount of interest is below EUR 500, the foreseeable cost of recovery (opening a file, interest claim and follow-up of payment) both for Member States and the Commission clearly exceeds the amount to be recovered. Therefore, in accordance with the principle of sound financial management, it is appropriate to include a provision that allows the recovery of such small amounts to be waived.

Article 12 of the proposal, 'Irrecoverable amounts'

Provisions under Article 17 of Regulation No 1150/2000 are taken over. Article 17(2) of the said Regulation does not contain a definition of what a write-off case shall consist of. Consequently, Member States apply their own definitions when reporting cases of write-off. These criteria may vary from one Member State to another and may therefore lead to different applications of the EUR 50 000 threshold. In order to provide for a harmonized application throughout the EU for the reporting of write-off cases concerning entitlements above EUR 50 000, it is appropriate to specify that entitlements established as a result of the same circumstances and consequently forming part of the same case should be covered regardless of their individual amount.

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OJ L 181, 19.7.2003, p. 1.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted) → 105/2009 Art. 1.1(a) 2011/0185 (CNS)

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC, EURATOM) No 1150/2000

implementing-→1Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom on the system of the European Communities own resources ← ⊠ on the methods and procedure for making available the traditional and GNI-based own resources and on the measures to meet cash requirements ⊠

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty \boxtimes on the Functioning of \bigotimes establishing the European \boxtimes Union \bigotimes Community, and in particular Article \boxtimes 322(2) \bigotimes 279 thereof,

Having regard to \boxtimes In conjunction with \bigotimes the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article $\frac{183}{106a} \boxtimes 106a \bigotimes$ thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 94/728/EC, Euratom of 31 October 1994, on the system of the Communities' own resources⁵, and particularly Article 8(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the \boxtimes European \bigotimes Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁶,

Having regard to the opinion of the \boxtimes European \bigotimes Court of Auditors⁷,

Whereas:

↓ 1150/2000 recital 1 (adapted)

⁵ OJ-L 293, 12.11.1994, p. 9. Decision replacing Decision No 88/376/EC, Euratom (OJ-L 185, 15.7.1988, p. 24).

⁶ <u>OJ C [...], [...], p. [...]</u> Opinion delivered on 18 January 2000 (not yet published in the Official <u>Journal</u>).

⁷ OJ C [...], [...], p. [...] <u>145, 9.5.1998, p. 1</u>.

 ⁸ OJ L <u>130, 31.5.2000, p. 1</u> <u>155, 7.6.1989, p. 1</u>.
 <u>No 1355/96 (DJ L 175, 13.7.1996, p. 3)</u>.

⁹ See Annex <u>I. Part B</u>.

 \boxtimes Since further amendments are to be made, it \bigotimes should therefore be \boxtimes recast in the interests of clarity \bigotimes codified.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 2 (adapted)

The Community must have the own resources referred to in Article 2 of Decision 94/728/EC, Euratom available in the best possible conditions and accordingly arrangements must be laid down for the States to provide the Commission with the own resources allocated to the Communities.

Traditional own resources are levied by the Member States in accordance with laws, regulations and administrative provisions that are, where necessary, adapted to the requirements of Community regulations. The Commission must monitor such adaptation and, where necessary, make proposals.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 4 (adapted)

The Council and the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted a resolution on 13 November 1991 on the protection of the financial interests of the Community¹⁰.

[↓] new

- (2) Certain provisions of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 have been included in Council Regulation (EU) No [.../...] laying down implementing measures for the system of own resources of the European Union¹¹ and should thus not be covered by this Regulation. Those provisions concern the rate of call of the own resource based on Gross National Income (GNI) referred to in Article 2(1)(d) of Council Decision [.../...] on the system of own resources of the European Union¹², the calculation and budgeting of the balance, control and supervision of own resources and supplementary reporting requirements, as well as the Advisory Committee on Own Resources (ACOR).
- (3) The Union must have the own resources referred to in Article 2 of Decision [.../...] available in the best possible conditions and accordingly rules should be laid down for the Member States to provide the Commission with those own resources. This Regulation takes over the rules on making available the traditional own resources referred to in Article 2(1)(a) of Decision [.../...] and those in Article 2(1)(d) of that Decision (hereinafter "GNI-based own resource"), previously included in Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000. As the methods and procedure may vary considerably depending on the type of own resources concerned, provisions on making available or paying the own resources referred to in Article 2(1)(b)and (c) of Decision [.../...] should be laid down in separate regulations pursuant to Article 322(2) of the Treaty.

¹⁰ OJ C 328, 17.12.1991, p. 1.

¹¹ OJ L , [...], [...], p. [...].

¹² OJ L , [...], [...], p. [...].

↓ 1150/2000 recital 5 (adapted)

(4) The concept of establishment ≥ should ≤ must be defined in respect of the own resources and detailed rules ≥ should ≤ must be laid down for satisfying the obligation to establish the ≥ traditional ≤ own resources referred to in Article 2(1)(a) and (b) of Decision [.../...] 94/728/EC, Euratom.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 6

(5) For own resources deriving from sugar levies, which need to be recovered in the budget year corresponding to the marketing year to which the expenditure relates, provision should be made for the Member States to make such levies available to the Commission during the budget year in which they are established.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 7 (adapted)

The transparency of the own resources system should be improved and more information supplied to the budgetary authority.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 8 (adapted)

(6) The Member States must keep at the disposal of the Commission and, where necessary, forward to it the documents and information needed to allow it to exercise the power conferred upon it as regards the Communities' own resources \boxtimes of the Union \bigotimes .

↓ 1150/2000 recital 9

(7) The national authorities responsible for the collection of own resources must be able to produce to the Commission at all times the documents substantiating the own resources collected.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 10 (adapted)

The arrangements whereby the Member States report to the Commission, should make it possible for the latter to monitor Member States action to recover own resources, in particular in cases of fraud and irregularities.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 11

(8) Separate accounts should be kept for entitlements which have not been recovered. These accounts and the submission of a quarterly statement of such accounts should enable the Commission to monitor more closely the action taken by Member States to collect own resources, and particularly those compromised by fraud or irregularities.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 12

(9) A time limit should be laid down for relations between Member States and the Commission, since new entitlements established by Member States in respect of earlier years are deemed to be establishments for the current year.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 13 (adapted) \Rightarrow new

(10) Provision should be made, as regards the own resources accruing from value added tax, hereinafter called 'VAT resources', referred to in Article 2(1)(c) of Decision 94/728/EC, Euratom, for Member States to make available to the Community \Rightarrow In order to ensure that the budget of the Union will be financed in all circumstances, a procedure should be laid down, as regards the GNI-based own resource created in accordance with Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 of 15 July 2003 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices¹³, for Member States to make available to the Union \Leftrightarrow , in the form of constant monthly twelfths, the own resources entered in the budget and subsequently to adjust the amounts made available in accordance with the actual base of VAT resources \Rightarrow relevant changes to GNI \Leftrightarrow as soon as it is \Rightarrow they are \bigotimes fully known.

[₽] new

(11) The impact of modifications in the GNI data made after the end of each financial year on the financing of gross reductions should be clarified.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 14 (adapted)

This procedure is also to apply to the additional resource referred to in Article 2(1)(d) of the said Decision, hereinafter referred to as 'the additional resource', created in accordance with Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom of 13 February 1989 on the harmonization of the compilation of the gross national product at market prices¹⁴.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 15 (adapted)

(12) The own resources must be made available in the form of an entry of the amounts due in an account opened for this purpose in the name of the Commission with the Treasury or with the body appointed by each Member State. In order to restrict the movements of funds to that which is necessary for the implementation of the budget, the Community I Union I must confine itself to drawing on the abovementioned accounts solely to cover the Commission's cash requirements.

³ OJ L 181, 19.7.2003, p. 1

⁴ OJ L 49, 21.2.1989, p. 26

↓ 1150/2000 recital 16

(13) The payment of aid resulting from application of Council Regulation ($\underline{\pm}$ EC) No <u>1765/92 of 30 June 1992</u> <u>1251/1999 of 17 May 1999</u> establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops¹⁵ is mainly concentrated in the opening months of the year whereas the Commission must have sufficient cash resources to make this payment.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 17
 ⇒ new

(14) Council Decision 94/729/EC of 31 October 1994 concerning budgetary discipline¹⁶ provides for the entry in the general budget of the European Union ⇒ In accordance with the principle ⇔ of a reserve relating to Community loans and loan guarantees to non-member countries and in those countries a reserve for emergency aid. Amendments need to be made to cover the entry of the ⇒ sound financial management, care should be taken that the cost of recovery of interest due on ⇔ own resources corresponding to these reserves ⇔ made available belatedly should not exceed the amount of the interest payable ⇔.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 18 (adapted)

In order to ensure that the Community budget will be financed in all circumstances, the procedure for making available the contributions based on the gross national product, hereinafter referred to as the 'GNP financial contributions', referred to in Article 2(7) of Decision 88/376/EEC, Euratom should be laid down.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 19 (adapted)

The balance to be carried forward to the following financial year should be defined.

(15) The reporting of write-off cases concerning established entitlements declared or deemed irrecoverable should be harmonized.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 20

↓ new

The Member States should conduct the checks and enquiries relating to the establishment and making available of own resources. The Commission should exercise its powers in accordance with this Regulation. The powers of the Commission should be stipulated with regard to the inspection measures on the additional resource.

 ¹⁵ OJ L <u>160, 26.6.1999, p. 1</u> <u>181, 1.7.1992, p. 12</u>. <u>Regulation replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999</u> (OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 1).
 ¹⁶ OJ L 293, 12.11.1994, p. 14.

↓ 1150/2000 recital 21

(16) Close collaboration between Member States and the Commission will facilitate proper application of the financial rules relating to own resources $\overline{\underline{s}}$.

[₽] new

- (17) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers¹⁷.
- (18) The advisory procedure should be used for the adoption of implementing acts in order to establish detailed rules for the monthly statements of the accounts for the entitlements to traditional own resources and the quarterly statements of the separate accounts, as well as for the cases concerning irrecoverable amounts exceeding EUR 50 000, given the technical nature of those acts required for reporting purposes.
- (19) For reasons of coherence, continuity and legal certainty, provisions must be laid down to cover the changeover from the system under Council Decision (EC, Euratom) 2007/436/¹⁸ to that arising from Decision [.../...]. Accordingly, following the ending of the VAT-based own resource, Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 should continue to apply for the procedures for making available and adjustment of revenue accruing from the application of a rate of call to the VAT base, depending on the relevant years, taking into account the effect on this revenue of the correction granted to the United Kingdom for budgetary imbalances for the years until 2012.

[₽] new

(20) Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 should be repealed.

[↓] new

(21) For reasons of consistency, this Regulation should apply on the same day as Decision [.../...],

⁷ OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13. OJ L 163, 23.6.2007, p. 17.

↓ 1150/2000

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

<u>TITLE Chapter</u> I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

↓ 105/2009 Art. 1.2 (adapted)

Article 1

 \boxtimes Subject matter \boxtimes

The European Communities' own resources provided for in Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom¹⁹ hereinafter referred to as 'own resources', shall be made available to the Commission and inspected as specified in this Regulation, without prejudice to Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89²⁰, Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003²¹ and Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom²².

几 new

This Regulation lays down rules on making available to the Commission the own resources of the Union referred to in Article 2(1)(a) and (d) of Decision [.../...].

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)
 →₁ 105/2009 Art. 1.3

Article 2

\boxtimes Date of establishment of traditional own resources \boxtimes

1. For the purpose of applying this Regulation, the \boxtimes Union's \bigotimes Community's entitlement to the \boxtimes traditional \bigotimes own resources referred to in \rightarrow_1 Article 2(1)(a) of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom \leftarrow [.../...] shall be established as soon as the conditions provided for

¹⁹ OJ L 163, 23.6.2007, p. 17.

 ²⁰ Council–Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No–1553/89 of 29 May 1989 on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax (OJ L 155, 7.6.1989, p. 9).

²¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 of 15 July 2003 on the harmonisation of gross national income at market prices (OJ L 181, 19.7.2003, p. 1).

²² OJ L 49, 21.2.1989, p. 26.

by the customs regulations have been met concerning the entry of the entitlement in the accounts and the notification of the debtor.

2. The date of the establishment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be the date of entry in the accounting ledgers provided for by the customs regulations.

As regards the levies and other charges connected with the common organisation of the sugar market, the date of the establishment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be the date of notification under the sugar regulations.

Should \boxtimes Where \ll that notification \boxtimes is \ll not be explicitly provided for, the date shall be the date of establishment by the Member States of the amounts due by the debtors, where necessary by way of advance payment or payment of balance.

3. In disputed cases, the competent administrative authorities shall be deemed, for the purposes of the establishment referred to in paragraph 1, to be in a position to calculate the amount of the entitlement not later than when the first administrative decision is taken notifying the debtor of the debt or when judicial proceedings are brought if this occurs first.

The date of the establishment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be the date of the decision or of the calculation to be made following the \boxtimes initiation \bigotimes abovementioned commencing of \boxtimes those \bigotimes judicial proceedings.

4. Paragraph 1 shall apply when a notification must be corrected.

Article 3

\boxtimes Conservation of supporting documents \bigotimes

Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the supporting documents concerning the establishment and making available of own resources are kept for at least three calendar years, counting from the end of the year to which these supporting documents refer.

↓ 105/2009 Art. 1.4

The supporting documents relating to the statistical procedures and bases referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 shall be kept by the Member States until 30 September of the fourth year following the financial year in question. The supporting documents relating to the VAT resources base shall be kept for the same period.

↓ 1150/2000

If verification pursuant to <u>Articles 18 and 19 of this</u> <u>Article 5 of</u> Regulation (<u>EU</u>) [.../...] $\underbrace{\Theta F}$ <u>Article 11 of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89</u> of the supporting documents referred to in the first and second paragraphs shows that a correction is required, they shall be kept beyond the time limit provided for in the first paragraph for a sufficient period to permit the correction to be made and monitored.

[₽] new

Where a dispute between a Member State and the Commission concerning the obligation to make available a certain amount of own resources is settled by mutual agreement or by a decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union, the Member State shall transmit the supporting documents necessary for the financial follow-up to the Commission within two months after that settlement.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

Article 4

\boxtimes Administrative cooperation \bigotimes

1. Each Member State shall inform the Commission \boxtimes of the following \boxtimes :

(a) $\mathbf{\Theta}$ the names of the departments or agencies responsible for establishing, collecting, making available and controlling own resources and the basic provisions relating to the role and operation of those departments and agencies;

(b) Θ the general provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action and those relating to accounting procedure concerning the establishment, collection, making available and control by the Commission of own resources;

(c) Θ the precise title of all administrative and accounting records in which are entered the established entitlements as specified in Article 2, in particular those used for drawing up the accounts provided for in Article Θ .

The Commission shall be informed immediately of any change in these names or provisions.

2. The Commission shall, at the request of the other \boxtimes a \bigotimes Member States, pass on to them \boxtimes transmit to all Member States \bigotimes the information referred to in paragraph 1.

↓ 105/2009 Art. 1.5 (adapted)

Article 5

The rate referred to in Article 2(1)(c) of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom which shall be set within the budgetary procedure, shall be calculated as a percentage of the sum of the forecast of the gross national income, (hereinafter referred to as GNI) of the Member States in such a manner that it fully covers that part of the budget not financed from the revenue referred to in Article 2(1)(a) and (b) of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom, from financial contributions to supplementary research and technological development programmes and other revenue.

That rate shall be expressed in the budget by a figure containing as many decimal places as is necessary to fully divide the GNI-based resource among the Member States.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

<u>TITLE</u> Chapter II

ACCOUNTS FOR OWN RESOURCES

Article <u>65</u>

\boxtimes Entry in the accounts and reporting \bigotimes

1. Accounts for own resources shall be kept by the Treasury of each Member State or by the body appointed by each Member State and broken down by type of resources.

2. For own-resources accounting purposes, the month shall end no earlier than 1 p.m. on the last working day of the month during which establishment took place.

(b) Established entitlements not entered in the accounts referred to in the first subparagraph point (a), because they have not yet been recovered and no security has been provided shall be shown in separate accounts within the period laid down in the first subparagraph point (a). Member States may adopt this procedure where established entitlements for which security has been provided have been challenged and might, upon settlement of the disputes which have arisen, be subject to change.

✓ 105/2009 Art. 1.6 (adapted)
 ⇒ new

(c) VAT resources and the additional \Rightarrow The GNI-based \Leftrightarrow resource, taking into account the effect on these-that resources of the correction granted to the United Kingdom for budgetary imbalances and to of the gross reduction granted to the Netherlands and to Sweden \Rightarrow Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom, \Rightarrow shall, however, be recorded in the accounts as specified in the first subparagraph point (a) as follows:

- (a) the $\frac{12\text{th}}{2}$ twelfths \bigotimes referred to in Article $\frac{10}{2}$ 9(3) shall be recorded on the first working day of each month,
- (b) the balances referred to in Article $\frac{10}{10}$ 9(4) and (6) and the adjustments referred to in Article $\frac{109}{5}$ (5) $\frac{\text{and}}{(7)}$ shall be recorded annually $\frac{1}{5}$ except for the particular adjustments referred to in the first indent of Article 10(5), which shall be recorded in the accounts on the first working day of the month following agreement between the Member State concerned and the Commission.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

(d) Established entitlements relating to levies and other charges connected with the common organization of the sugar market shall be entered in the accounts referred to in <u>the first subparagraph</u> <u>point (a)</u>. If these \boxtimes those (a) entitlements are not then recovered within the time limits set, the Member States may correct the entry and, by way of exception, enter the entitlements in the separate accounts.

4. Each Member State shall send the Commission, within the time limits specified in paragraph 3:

(a) a monthly statement of its accounts for the entitlements referred to in the first subparagraph point (a) of paragraph 3_{\pm} :

<u>Together with these monthly statements the Member States concerned shall provide</u> <u>details or statements of deductions from own resources based on provisions relating</u> to special-status territories.

(b) a quarterly statement of the separate accounts referred to in <u>the second</u> subparagraph <u>point (b)</u> of paragraph 3.

<u>Together with these</u> \boxtimes those \bigotimes <u>monthly statements the Member States concerned</u> shall provide details or statements of deductions from own resources based on provisions relating to special-status territories.

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.2(b)

Together with the final quarterly statement for a given year, Member States shall forward an estimate of the total amount of entitlements contained in the separate account at 31 December of that year for which recovery has become unlikely.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)
 ⇒ new

Detailed ⇒ The Commission shall adopt implementing acts establishing detailed ⇒ rules for the monthly and quarterly statements. referred to in the first subparagraph and duly substantiated amendments thereto ⇒ Those implementing acts shall be adopted ⇔ shall be laid down by the Commission ⇒ in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 15(2) ⇔ after consulting the Committee referred to in Article 20. They shall provide for any appropriate time limits for implementation.

5. In the two months following the end of each quarter, each Member State shall send the Commission a description of cases of fraud and irregularities detected involving entitlements of over EUR 10000.

As far as possible, the Member State provide the following details:

- type of fraud and/or irregularity (designation, customs procedure concerned),

amount of own resources evaded, or their presumed order of magnitude,

- goods involved (tariff heading, origin, place from which they come),
- concise description of fraud mechanism,
- type of check that led to discovery of fraud and irregularities,
- national departments or agencies which detected the fraud or irregularity,
- stage reached in procedure, including the stage of recovery, with reference to the establishment if already made,
- reference of notification of case under Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97²³
- if appropriate, the Member States involved,
- measures taken or envisaged to prevent the recurrence of the case of fraud or irregularity already detected.

Together with each quarterly statement pursuant to the first subparagraph, each Member State shall give details of the position concerning cases of fraud and irregularites already reported to the Commission whose recovery, cancellation or non-recovery was not indicated earlier.

For this purpose, each Member State shall indicate for each of the cases referred to in the first subparagraph:

- the reference to the original communication,
- the balance to be recovered during the previous quarter,
- the date of establishment,
- the date of entry in the separate accounts provided for in point (b) of paragraph 3,
- the amounts recovered during the quarter in question,
- rectifications of the base (corrections/cancellations) during the quarter in question,
- amounts written off,
- stage of adminstrative and judicial procedure reached,
- balance to be recovered at the end of the quarter in question.

Details of the above descriptions and duly substantiated amendments thereto shall be worked out by Commission after consulting the Committee referred to in Article 20. They shall provide for any appropriate time limits for implementation.

²³ Council Regulation (EC) No 515 of 13 March 1997 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters (OJ L 82, 22.3.1997, p. 1).

◆ 2028/2004 Art. 1.3 (adapted)

Article <u>76</u>

\boxtimes Accounting corrections \bigotimes

After 31 December of the third year following a given year, no further corrections shall be made to the sum of the monthly statements sent in \boxtimes communicated \bigotimes by Member States under the first subparagraph of Article $\underline{65}(4)(\underline{a})$ for the year in question, except on points notified before this date either by the Commission or by the Member State concerned.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

Article <u> 7</u>

\boxtimes Corrections of establishments \bigotimes

Corrections carried out under Article 2(4) shall be added to or subtracted from the total amount of established entitlements. They shall be recorded in the accounts as specified in Article 6(3)(a) and (b) \boxtimes referred to in the first and second subparagraph of Article $5(3) \ll$ and in the statements as specified \boxtimes referred to \ll in Article $\frac{6}{5}$ (4) in accordance with the date of \boxtimes those \ll these corrections.

Corrections in respect of cases of fraud and irregularities already notified to the Commission shall be singled out.

<u>TITLE</u> <u>Chapter</u> III

MAKING AVAILABLE OWN RESOURCES

Article <u> 8</u>

\boxtimes Treasury and accounting arrangements \bigotimes

1. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article $\frac{10}{29}$, each Member State shall credit own resources to the account opened in the name of the Commission with its Treasury or the body it has appointed.

This account shall be kept \boxtimes in national currency and is \bigotimes free of charge.

↓ 105/2009 Art. 1.7

 $\underline{\underline{+a}}$. <u>2</u>. Member States or the bodies appointed by them shall transmit to the Commission, by electronic means:

(a) on the working day on which the own resources are credited to the account of the Commission, a statement of account or a credit advice showing the entry of the own resources;

(b) without prejudice to point (a), at the latest on the second working day following the crediting of the account, a statement of account showing the entry of the own resources.

◆ 2028/2004 Art. 1.4(b) (adapted)

<u>2-3.</u> The amounts credited shall be accounted for in euro in accordance with <u>the</u> <u>Council</u> <u>Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002²⁴ (hereinafter</u> "Financial Regulation")²⁵ applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and its implementing rules \boxtimes and Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002²⁶ \bigotimes .

↓ 105/2009 Art. 1.8 (adapted)
 ⇒ new

Article <u>10 9</u>

\boxtimes Determining amounts, timing for making available, adjustments \boxtimes

1. After deduction of collection costs in accordance with Article 2(3) <u>and Article 10(3)</u> of Decision [.../...] <u>2007/436/EC, Euratom</u> entry of the \boxtimes traditional \bigotimes own resources referred to in Article 2(1)(a) of that Decision shall be made at the latest on the first working day following the <u>19th nineteenth</u> day of the second month following the month during which the entitlement was established in accordance with Article 2 of this Regulation.

However, for entitlements shown in separate accounts under <u>the second subparagraph of</u> Article $\underline{65}(3)$ (b) of this Regulation, the entry must be made at the latest on the first working day following the $\underline{19}^{\text{th}}$ <u>nineteenth</u> day of the second month following the month in which the entitlements were recovered.

2. If necessary, Member States may be invited by the Commission to bring forward by one month the entry of resources other than $\frac{\text{VAT}}{\text{resources}} \Rightarrow$ the GNI-based $\Rightarrow \frac{\text{and}}{\text{the}} \frac{\text{the}}{\text{additional}}$ resource on the basis of the information available to them on the $\frac{15^{\text{th}}}{15^{\text{th}}}$ fifteenth of the same month.

²⁴ <u>OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.</u>

²⁵ <u>Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of the Council of 25 June 2002 relating to the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1).
²⁶ OLL 257, 21 12 2002, p. 1</u>

²⁶ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

Each entry brought forward shall be adjusted the following month when the entry mentioned in paragraph 1 is made. This adjustment shall entail the negative entry of an amount equal to that given in the entry brought forward.

3. VAT resources and the additional \Rightarrow The GNI-based \Leftrightarrow resource, taking into account the effect on these that resources of the correction granted to the United Kingdom for budgetary imbalances and of the gross reduction granted to the Netherlands and to Sweden \Rightarrow Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom, \Leftrightarrow shall be credited on the first working day of each month, the amounts being one-twelfth of the relevant totals in the budget, converted into national currencies at the rates of exchange of the last day of quotation of the calendar year preceding the budget year, as published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, C Series.

For the specific needs of paying EAGF expenditure_{$\overline{x}} <math>\boxtimes$ of the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund \bigotimes pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No <u>1782/2003 of 29 September</u> <u>2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers</u> <u>73/2009</u>²⁷ and depending on the Community's</sup> \boxtimes Union's \bigotimes cash position, Member States may be invited by the Commission to bring forward by one or two months in the first quarter of the financial year the entry of one-twelfth or a fraction of one-twelfth of the amounts in the budget for \bigvee AT resources and/or the additional \Rightarrow the GNI-based \Rightarrow resource, taking into account the effect on thatese resources of the correction granted to the United Kingdom for budgetary imbalances and of the gross reduction granted to the Netherlands and to Sweden \Rightarrow Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom \Leftrightarrow .</sub>

After the first quarter, the monthly entry requested may not exceed one-twelfth of $\frac{VAT}{VAT}$ and GNI-based resources, while remaining within the limit of the amounts entered in the budget for that purpose.

The Commission shall notify the Member States thereof in advance, no later than two weeks before the entry requested.

The eighth subparagraph concerning the amount to be entered in January each year and the ninth subparagraph applicable if the budget has not been finally adopted before the beginning of the financial year shall apply to these advance entries.

Any change in the uniform rate of VAT resources, in the rate of the additional \Rightarrow GNIbased \Leftrightarrow resource₃ in the correction granted to the United Kingdom for budgetary imbalances and in its financing referred to in Articles 4 and 5 of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom and in the financing of the gross reduction granted to the Netherlands and to Sweden \Rightarrow Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom \Leftrightarrow shall require the final adoption of an amending budget and shall give rise to readjustments of the twelfths which have been entered since the beginning of the financial year.

These readjustments shall be carried out when the first entry is made following the final adoption of the amending budget if it is adopted before the $\frac{16\text{th}}{16\text{th}}$ sixteenth of the month. Otherwise they shall be carried out when the second entry following final adoption is made.

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OJ L <u>30, 31.1.2009, p. 16.</u> 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1.;

By way of derogation from Article 8 of the Financial Regulation, these readjustments shall be entered in the accounts in respect of the financial year of the amending budget in question.

Calculation of the twelfths for January of each financial year shall be based on the amounts provided for in the draft budget, referred to in Article <u>314(2)</u> <u>272(3)</u> of the <u>EC Treaty and</u> <u>Article 177(3) of the EAEC</u> Treaty and converted into national currencies at the rates of exchange of the first day of quotation following 15 December of the calendar year preceding the budget year; the adjustment shall be made with the entry for the following month.

If the budget has not been finally adopted \Rightarrow at the latest two weeks \Leftrightarrow before the beginning \boxtimes entry for January \bigotimes of the \boxtimes following \bigotimes financial year, the Member States shall enter on the first working day of each month, including January, one-twelfth of the amount of VAT resources, and the additional \Rightarrow GNI-based \Leftrightarrow resource, taking into account the effect on thatese resources of the correction granted to the United Kingdom for budgetary imbalances and of the gross reduction granted to the Netherlands and to Sweden \Rightarrow Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom \Leftrightarrow , entered in the last budget finally adopted; the adjustment shall be made on the first due date following final adoption of the budget if it is adopted before the $\frac{16^{th}}{16^{th}}$ sixteenth of the month. Otherwise, the adjustment shall be made on the second due date following final adoption of the budget.

4. Each Member State shall, on the basis of the annual statement on the VAT resources base provided for in Article 7(1) of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89, be debited with an amount calculated from the information contained in the said statement by applying the uniform rate adopted for the previous financial year and credited with the 12 payments made during that financial year. However each Member State's VAT resources base to which the above rate is applied may not exceed the percentage determined by Article 2(1)(b) of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom of its GNI as referred to in the first sentence of paragraph 7 of that Article. The Commission shall work out the balance and shall inform the Member States in time for them to enter it in the account referred to in Article 9(1) of this Regulation on the first working day of December of the same year.

5. Any corrections to the VAT resources base under Article 9(1) of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 shall give rise for each Member State concerned whose base, allowing for these corrections, does not exceed the percentages determined by Articles 2(1)(b) and 10(2) of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom to the following adjustments to the balance referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article:

- the corrections under the first subparagraph of Article 9(1) of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 made by 31 July shall give rise to a general adjustment to be entered in the account referred to in Article 9(1) of this Regulation on the first working day of December of the same year. However a particular adjustment may be entered before that date if the Member State concerned and the Commission are in agreement,
- where the measures which the Commission takes under the second subparagraph of Article 9(1) of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 to correct the base lead to an adjustment of the entries in the account referred to in Article 9(1) of this Regulation, that adjustment shall be made on the date specified by the Commission pursuant to the said measures.

The changes to GNI referred to in paragraph 7 of this Article shall also give rise to an adjustment of the balance of any Member State whose base, allowing for those corrections, is capped at the percentages determined by Articles 2(1)(b) and 10(2) of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom.

The Commission shall inform the Member States of these adjustments in time for them to enter them in the account referred to in Article 9(1) on the first working day of December of the same year.

However, a particular adjustment may be entered at any time if the Member State concerned and the Commission are in agreement.

<u>6.</u> <u>4.</u> On the basis of figures for aggregate GNI at market prices and its components from the preceding year, supplied by the Member States in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003, each Member State shall be debited with an amount calculated by applying to GNI the rate adopted for the previous financial year and credited with the payments made during that previous financial year. The Commission shall work out the balance and shall inform the Member States in time for them to enter it in the account referred to in Article <u>98</u> (1) of this Regulation on the first working day of December of the same year.

<u>7.5.</u> Any changes to the GNI of previous financial years pursuant to Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003 subject to Article 5 thereof, shall give rise for each Member State concerned to an adjustment to the balance established pursuant to paragraph $\underline{6}$ $\underline{4}$ of this Article. This adjustment shall be established in the manner laid down in the first subparagraph of paragraph 5 of this Article. The Commission shall inform the Member States of these adjustments so that they can enter them in the account referred to in Article $\underline{98}(1)$ of this Regulation on the first working day of December of the same year. After 30 September of the fourth year following a given financial year, any changes to GNI shall no longer be taken into account, except on points notified within this time limit either by the Commission or by the Member State.

<u>8.6.</u> The operations referred to in paragraphs 4 ± 6.5 constitute modifications to revenue in respect of the financial year in which they occur.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

<u>The amount of revenue set out in the budget for the current financial year may be increased or</u> <u>reduced, by means of an amending budget, by the amount resulting from those operations</u> \boxtimes in accordance with Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) [.../...] \boxtimes .

▶ 105/2009 Art. 1.8 (adapted)
 ⇒ new

<u>7.</u> 9. The gross reduction granted to the Netherlands and to Sweden shall be financed by all Member States. There shall be no subsequent revision of <u>T</u>the financing of the<u>at</u> gross reduction \Rightarrow granted to Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom shall not be adjusted after the end of each financial year \Leftrightarrow in the event of <u>subsequent</u> modifications of the GNI <u>figure</u> \boxtimes data pursuant to Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003. \bigotimes .

10. In conformity with Article 2(7) of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom, for the purposes of applying that Decision 'GNI' shall mean GNI for the year at market prices as defined by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1287/2003, except for the years prior to 2002, for which GNP at market prices, as defined by Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom, continues to be the reference for calculation of the additional resource.

✓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.6 (adapted)
 → 1 105/2009 Art. 1.9

Article 10a

Ø Opt-out adjustment Ø

1. Where, pursuant to the Amsterdam Treaty and its Protocols 21 ± 4 and 22 ± 5 , a Member State does not take part in the financing of a specific Union action or policy, it shall be entitled to an adjustment, calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 \boxtimes of this Article \bigotimes , of the amount it has paid in own resources in respect of each year in which it has not taken part. This adjustment shall be made only once and it shall be final in the event of subsequent modification of the GNI figure.

2. The Commission shall calculate the adjustment during the year following the financial year concerned, at the same time as it determines the \rightarrow_1 GNI \leftarrow balances provided for in Article $\underline{9} \pm \underline{0}$ of this Regulation.

The calculation shall be made on the basis of the figures relating to the \boxtimes relevant \bigotimes financial year in question:

- (a) aggregate \rightarrow_1 GNI \leftarrow at market prices and its components,
- (b) the budgetary outturn of operational expenditure corresponding to the measure or policy in question.

The adjustment shall be equal to the product of multiplying the total amount of the expenditure in question, with the exception of that financed by participating third countries, by the percentage that the \rightarrow_1 GNI \leftarrow of the Member State entitled to the adjustment represents of the \rightarrow_1 GNI \leftarrow of all Member States. The adjustment shall be financed by the participating Member States according to a scale determined by dividing their respective \rightarrow_1 GNI \leftarrow of all the participating Member States. For the purposes of calculating the adjustment, amounts shall be converted between the national currency and the euro at the exchange rate on the last day of quotation of the calendar year preceding the budget year concerned.

<u>There shall be no subsequent revision of this adjustment in the event of subsequent</u> <u>modification of the GNI figure.</u> \boxtimes The \bigotimes <u>adjustment</u> \boxtimes for each relevant year \bigotimes <u>shall be</u> <u>made only once and it shall be final in the event of subsequent modification of the GNI figure.</u>

3. The Commission shall inform the Member States in good time of the amount of the adjustment so that they can credit it to the account referred to in Article $\underline{\$\$}(1)$ of this Regulation on the first working day of December.

✓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.7 (adapted)
 → 1 2028/2004 Art. 1.7 amended
 by Corrigendum, OJ L 105,
 13.4.2006, p. 64
 ⇒ new

Article 11

\boxtimes Interest on late making available \boxtimes

1. Any delay in making the entry in the account referred to in Article $\underline{89}(1)$ shall give rise to the payment of interest by the Member State concerned.

\Rightarrow However, recovery of amounts of interest below EUR 500 shall be waived. \Leftrightarrow

2. In the case of Member States belonging to the Economic and Monetary Union, the interest rate shall be equal to the rate as published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, C series \rightarrow_1 which the European Central Bank applied to its main refinancing operations, \leftarrow on the first day of the month in which the due date fell, increased by two percentage points.

This rate shall be increased by $0_{\underline{z}}$ 25 of a percentage point for each month of delay. The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay.

3. In the case of Member States not belonging to the Economic and Monetary Union, the rate shall be equal to the rate applied on the first day of the month in question by the Central Banks for their main refinancing operations, increased by two percentage points, or, for the Member States for which the Central Bank rate is not available, the most equivalent rate applied on the first day of the month in question on the Member State's money market, increased by two percentage points. This rate shall be increased by $0_{\underline{s}}$ 25 of a percentage point for each month of delay. The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay.

↓ 105/2009 Art. 1.10 (adapted)

4. <u>#F</u>or the payment of interest referred to in paragraph 1, Article $\frac{9(1a)}{2}$ and $(\underline{23})$ shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article <u>12</u>

 \boxtimes Irrecoverable amounts \bigotimes

↓ 1150/2000

1. Member States shall take all requisite measures to ensure that the amount corresponding to the entitlements established under Article 2 are made available to the Commission as specified in this Regulation.

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.13(a) (adapted)

2. Member States shall be released from the obligation to place at the disposal of the Commission the amounts corresponding to established entitlements \boxtimes established under Article 2 \bigotimes which prove irrecoverable either \boxtimes of the following reasons \bigotimes :

(a) for reasons of *force majeure*; Θ

(b) for other reasons which cannot be attributed to them.

Amounts of established entitlements shall be declared irrecoverable by a decision of the competent administrative authority finding that they cannot be recovered.

Amounts of established entitlements shall be deemed irrecoverable, at the latest, after a period of five years from the date on which the amount has been established in accordance with Article 2 or, in the event of an administrative or judicial appeal, the final decision has been given, notified or published.

If part payment or payments have been received, the period of five years at maximum shall start from the date of the last payment made, where this does not clear the debt.

Amounts declared or deemed irrecoverable shall be definitively removed from the separate accounts referred to in the second subparagraph of Article $\underline{\underline{65}}(3)$. They shall be shown in an annex to the quarterly statement referred to in the second subparagraph of Article $\underline{\underline{65}}(3)$ and where applicable, in the quarterly statement referred to in Article $\underline{\underline{65}}(3)$ and $\underline{\underline{65}}(3)$ and $\underline{\underline{65}}(3)$.

◆ 2028/2004 Art. 1.13 (b) (adapted)

3. Within three months of the administrative decision mentioned in paragraph $2 \boxtimes$ of this Article \boxtimes or in accordance with the time limits referred to in that paragraph, Member States shall provide \boxtimes a report to \bigotimes the Commission with information on those cases where paragraph $2 \boxtimes$ of this Article \bigotimes has been applied provided the established entitlements involved exceed EUR 50 000.

This timeframe may be extended by up to three years by Member States for cases of established entitlements, which have been declared irrecoverable or deemed irrecoverable prior to 1 July 2006.

This \boxtimes That \bigotimes report_{\overline{z}} which shall be made on a form to be produced by the Commission after consulting the committee referred to in Article 20, shall include all the facts necessary for a full examination of the reasons referred to in paragraph 2(a) and (b) \boxtimes of this Article \bigotimes , which prevented the Member State concerned from making available the amounts in question, and the recovery measures the Member State took in the case or cases in question.

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That report shall cover all entitlements established as a result of the same circumstances and consequently forming part of the same case where, regardless of their individual amount, the total amount of these entitlements declared or deemed irrecoverable exceeds EUR 50 000.

That report shall be made on a form established by the Commission. For that purpose the Commission shall adopt implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 15(2).

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.13 (b) (adapted)

4. The Commission has \boxtimes shall, within \bigotimes six months from the receipt of the report provided for in paragraph 3 to forward \sum communicate \bigotimes its comments to the Member State concerned.

Where the Commission finds it necessary to request additional information, the six month time-limit shall run from the date of receipt of the requested supplementary information.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

<u>**TITLE**</u> Chapter IV

MANAGEMENT OF CASH RESOURCES

Article <u>12 13</u>

\boxtimes Requirements on management of cash resources \boxtimes

1. The Commission shall draw on the sums credited to the accounts referred to in Article $\underline{\underline{8}}$ $\underline{\underline{9}}(1)$ to the extent necessary to cover its cash resource requirements arising out of the implementation of the budget.

2. If the cash resource requirements are in excess of the assets of the accounts, the Commission may draw in excess of the total of these assets subject to the availability of appropriations in the budget and within the limit of the own resources entered in the budget. In this event, it shall inform the Member States in advance of any foreseeable excess requirements.

3. In the sole case of default under a loan contracted or guaranteed pursuant to Council regulations and decisions, in circumstances in which the Commission cannot activate other measures provided for by the financial arrangements applying to these loans in time to ensure compliance with the \boxtimes Union's \ll Community's legal obligations to the lenders, paragraphs 2 and 4 may provisionally be applied, irrespective of the conditions in paragraph 2, in order to service the \boxtimes Union's \ll Community's debts.

4. The difference between the overall assets and the cash resource requirements shall be divided among the Member States, as far as possible, in proportion to the estimated budget revenue from each of them.

Article <u>14</u>

\boxtimes *Execution of payment orders* \bigotimes

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.8	
→ $_1$ 105/2009 Art. 1.11(a)	

<u>1.</u> $\stackrel{\bullet}{=}$ \rightarrow_1 The Member States, or the bodies appointed by them, shall execute the Commission's payment orders following the Commission's instructions and within not more than three working days of receipt. \leftarrow However, in the case of cash movement transaction, the Member States shall execute the orders within the period requested by the Commission.

↓ 105/2009 Art. 1.11(b)

 $\underline{2.}$ The Member States, or the bodies appointed by them, shall send to the Commission, by electronic means and on the second working day following the completion of each transaction at the latest, a statement of account showing the related movements.

↓ 1150/2000

TITLE VI

◆ 2028/2004 Art. 1.10 (adapted)

PROCEDURE FOR THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 7 OF DECISION 2007/436/EC, Euratom

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.11

Article 15

For the purpose of applying Article 7 of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom, the balance of a given financial year shall consist of the difference between:

all the revenue collected in respect of that financial year,

and

the amount of payments made against appropriations for that financial year increased by the amount of the appropriations for the same financial year carried over pursuant to Article 9 of the Financial Regulation. This difference shall be increased or decreased on the one hand, by the net amount of appropriations carried over from previous financial years which have been cancelled and on the other hand, by way of derogation from Article 5(1) of the Financial Regulation, by:

 payments made in excess of non-differentiated appropriations carried over from the previous financial year under Article 9(1) and (4) of the Financial Regulation as a result of change in euro rates,

and

the balance resulting from exchange gains and losses during the financial year.

↓ 1150/2000

Article 16

The Commission shall, before the end of October in each financial year, make an estimate of the own resources collected for the entire year, on the basis of the data at its disposal at that time.

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.12

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

Any appreciable differences in relation to original estimates may give rise to a letter of a amendment to the preliminary draft budget for the following financial year or an amending budget for the current financial year.

For the operations referred to in Article 10(4) to (7), the amount of revenue set out in the budget for the current financial year may be increased or reduced, by means of an amending budget, by the amount resulting from those operations.

TITLE VII

PROVISIONS CONCERNING INSPECTION MEASURES

Article 17

1. Member States shall take all requisite measures to ensure that the amount corresponding to the entitlements established under Article 2 are made available to the Commission as specified in this Regulation.

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.13(a)

2. Member States shall be released from the obligation to place at the disposal of the Commission the amounts corresponding to established entitlements which prove irrecoverable either:

(a) for reasons of force majeure; or

(b) for other reasons which cannot be attributed to them.

Amounts of established entitlements shall be declared irrecoverable by a decision of the competent administrative authority finding that they cannot be recovered.

Amounts of established entitlements shall be deemed irrecoverable, at the latest, after a period of five years from the date on which the amount has been established in accordance with Article 2 or, in the event of an administrative or judicial appeal, the final decision has been given, notified or published.

If part payment or payments have been received, the period of five years at maximum shall start from the date of the last payment made, where this does not clear the debt.

Amounts declared or deemed irrecoverable shall be definitively removed from the separate account referred to in Article 6(3)(b). They shall be shown in an annex to the quarterly statement referred to in Article 6(4)(b) and where applicable, in the quarterly statement referred to in Article 6(5).

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.13(b)

3. Within three months of the administrative decision mentioned in paragraph 2 or in accordance with the time limits referred to in that paragraph, Member States shall provide the Commission with information on those cases where paragraph 2 has been applied provided the established entitlements involved exceed EUR 50000.

This timeframe may be extended by up to three years by Member States for cases of established entitlements, which have been declared irrecoverable or deemed irrecoverable prior to 1 July 2006.

This report, which shall be made on a form to be produced by the Commission after consulting the committee referred to in Article 20, shall include all the facts necessary for a full examination of the reasons referred to in paragraph 2(a) and (b), which prevented the Member State concerned from making available the amounts in question, and the recovery measures the Member State took in the case or cases in question.

4. The Commission has six months from the receipt of the report provided for in paragraph 3 to forward its comments to the Member State concerned.

Where the Commission finds it necessary to request additional information, the six month time-limit shall run from the date of receipt of the requested supplementary information.

↓ 2028/2004 Art. 1.13(c)

5. Member States shall inform the Commission, by means of annual reports, of the details and results of their inspections and of the overall data and questions of principle concerning the most important problems arising out of the application of this Regulation and, in particular, matters in dispute. The reports shall be sent to the Commission by 1 March of the year following the financial year in question. The summary report on the notifications by Member States under this Article shall be contained in the Commission report referred to in Article

280(5) of the Treaty. A report and duly substantiated amendments thereto shall be drawn up by the Commission after consulting the committee referred to in Article 20. Any appropriate time limits for implementation shall be provided for.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

Article 18

 Member States shall conduct the checks and enquiries concerning the establishment and the making available of the own resources, referred to in Article 2(1)(a) of Decision 2007/436/EC, Euratom. The Commission shall exercise its powers as specified in this Article.

2. In pursuance of paragraph 1, Member States shall:

(a) carry out additional inspection measures at the Commission's request. In its request the Commission shall state the reasons for the additional inspection,

(b) associate the Commission, at its request, with the inspection measures which they carry out.

Member States take all steps required to facilitate these inspection measures. Where the Commission is associated with these measures, Member States shall place at its disposal the supporting documents referred to in Article 3.

In order to restrict additional inspection measures to the minimum:

(a) the Commission may, in specific cases, request that certain documents be forwarded to it;

(b) in the monthly statement of accounts referred to in Article 6(4), the amounts entered in the accounts which relate to irregularities or delays in the establishment, entry in the accounts and making available of own resources, discovered during the inspections referred to above, must be identified by means of appropriate notes.

3. Without prejudice to paragraphs 1 and 2, the Commission may itself carry out inspection measures on the spot. The agents authorised by the Commission for such inspection measures shall have access, in so far as the correct application of this Regulation so requires, to the supporting documents referred to in Article 3 and to any other appropriate document connected with those supporting documents. In a duly substantiated communication, the Commission shall give notice of this inspection in good time to the Member State in which the inspection measure is to take place. Agents of the Member State concerned shall participate in such inspection measures.

4. The inspection measures referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall not prejudice:

(a) the inspection measures undertaken by Member States in accordance with their own provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action;

(b) the measures provided for in Articles 246, 247, 248 and 276 of the EC Treaty and Articles 160a, 160b, 160c and 180b of the EAEC Treaty;

↓ 105/2009 Art. 1.15(b)

(c) the inspection arrangements made pursuant to Article 279(1)(b) of the EC Treaty and Article 183(1)(b) of the EAEC Treaty.

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

5. The Commission shall report every three years to the European Parliament and to the Council on the functioning of the inspection arrangements.

Article 19

Together with the Member State concerned, the Commission shall each year inspect the aggregates provided for errors in compilation, especially in cases nofified by the GNI management committee. In doing so it may, in individual cases, also examine calculations and basic statistics, apart from information about individual companies or persons, where no proper assessment would otherwise be possible. The Commission shall respect national legal provisions on the preservation of the confidentiality of statistics.

TITLE VIII

PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE COMMUNITIES' Own Resources

Article 20

1. An Advisory Committee on the Communities' own resources, hereinafter called the committee, is hereby set up.

2. The committee shall consist of representatives of the Member States and of the Commission. Each Member State shall be represented on the committee by not more than five officials.

The chairman of the committee shall be a representative of the Commission. The secretariat services for the committee shall be provided by the Commission.

3. The committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 21

1. The committee shall examine the questions raised by its chairman on his initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State which concern the application of this Regulation, especially as regards:

(a) the information and reports referred to in Articles 4(1)(b), 6, 7 and 17(3);

◆ 2028/2004 Art. 1.15 (adapted)

(c) the inspection measures and controls laid down in Article 18(2) and (3).

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)

The committee shall also examine estimates of own resources.

2. At the request of the chairman, the committee shall deliver its opinion within a time limit which the chairman may lay down accordning to the urgency of the matter in hand, if necessary by taking a vote. The opinion shall be recorded in the minutes; in addition, each Member State shall have the right to ask to have its position recorded in these minutes. The Commission shall take the utmost account of the opinion delivered by the committee. It shall inform the committee of the manner in which its opinion has been taken into account.

◆ 2028/2004 Art. 1.16 (adapted)

TITLE IX

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER=V

➢ FINAL PROVISIONS <</p>

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Article 15

Committee procedure

- 1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Advisory Committee on Own Resources established by Regulation (EU) No [.../...]. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
- 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

◆ 2028/2004 Art. 1.16 amended
by Corrigendum, OJ L 105,
13.4.2006, p. 64 (adapted)

Article <u>21a 16</u>

\boxtimes Transitional provision on interest rate \bigotimes

The rate provided for in Article 11 of this Regulation \boxtimes (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 $\langle \boxtimes \rangle$ in its version before the entry into force of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2028/2004 of 16 November 2004 amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 implementing Decision 94/728/EC, Euratom on the system of the Communities' own resources²⁸ shall continue to apply for the calculation of interest for late payment where the due date falls before \boxtimes 1 December 2004 $\langle \boxtimes \rangle$ the end of the month in which the said Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2028/2004 enters into force.

↓ 1150/2000

TITLE X

↓ 1150/2000 (adapted)
 ⇒ new

Article <u>22 17</u>

🔊 Repeal 🐼

1. \Rightarrow Subject to paragraph 2, \Rightarrow <u>Council</u> Regulation (\pm EC, Euratom) <u>No 1150/2000</u> <u>No 11552/89 shall be</u> \implies is \iff repealed.

↓ new

2. Articles 3, 6(3)c and 10 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 shall continue to apply to the conservation of supporting documents, entry in the accounts and reporting, timing for making available and adjustments of revenue accruing from the application of a rate of call to the VAT base determined in a uniform manner and limited to between 50 % and 55 % of the GNP or GNI of each Member State, depending on the relevant year, taking into account the effect on this revenue of the correction of budgetary imbalances granted to the United Kingdom for the years until 2012.

²⁸ OJ L 352, 27.11.2004, p. 1.

✓ 1150/2000 (adapted)
 ⇒ new

3. References to the said \boxtimes provisions of \bigotimes Regulation \boxtimes (EC, Euroatom) No 1150/2000 which are referred to in the correlation table set out in Annex II to this Regulation \bigotimes shall be construed as references to this Regulation and \boxtimes shall \bigotimes shall \bigotimes should be read in accordance with the \boxtimes that \bigotimes correlation table set out in Part A of the Annex.

Article 23 <u>18</u>

⊠ Entry into force ⊗

This Regulation shall enter into force on the \Rightarrow twentieth \Leftrightarrow day \Rightarrow following that \Leftrightarrow of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European* \boxtimes *Union* \ll *Communities*.

 \Rightarrow It shall apply from 1 January 2014 \Leftrightarrow

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council The President

<u>ANNEX</u>

PART A

Correlation table		
Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1552/89	This Regulation	
Article 1	Article 1	
Article 2(1)	Article 2(1)	
Article 2(1a)	Article 2(2)	
Article 2(1b)	Article 2(3)	
Article 2(2)	Article 2(4)	
Article 3	Article 3	
Article 4	Article 4	
Article 5	Article 5	
Article 6(1)	Article 6(1)	
Article 6(1a)	Article 6(2)	
Article 6(2)(a)	Article 6(3)(a)	
Article 6(2)(b)	Article 6(3)(b)	
Article 6(2)(c)	Article 6(3)(c)	
Article 6(2)(d)	Article 6(3)(d)	
Article 6(3), point (a)	Article 6(4), first subparagraph, point (a)	
Article 6(3), point (b), first subparagraph	Article 6(4), first subparagraph, point (b)	
Article 6(3), point (b), second subparagraph	Article 6(4), second subparagraph	
Article 6(4)	Article 6(5)	
Article 7	Article 7	
Article 8	Article 8	
Article 9	Article 9	

Article 10	Article 10
Article 11	Article 11
Article 12	Article 12
Article 13	Article 13
Article 14	Article 14
Article 15	Article 15
Article 16	Article 16
Article 17	Article 17
Article 18(1)	Article 18(1)
Article 18(2), first subparagraph, first indent	Article 18(2), first subparagraph, point (a)
Article 18(2), first subparagraph, second indent	Article 18(2), first subparagraph, point (b)
Article 18(2), second subparagraph	Article 18(2), second subparagraph
Article 18(2), third subparagraph	Article 18(2), third subparagraph
Article 18(3)	Article 18(3)
Article 18(4)	Article 18(4)
Article 18(5)	Article 18(5)
Article 19	Article 19
Article 20	Article 20
Article 21	Article 21
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PART B

Amending Regulations to Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1552/89

Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 3464/93 of 10 December 1993 (OJ L 317, 18.12.1993, p. 1).

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2729/94 of 31 October 1994 (OJ L 293, 12.11.1994, p. 5).

Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 1355/96 of 8 July 1996 (OJ L 175, 13.7.1996, p. 3).

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ANNEX I

Repealed Regulation with list of its successive amendments

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No [1150/2000]	(OJ L 130, 31.5.2000, p. 1)
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No [2028/2004]	(OJ L 352, 27.11.2004, p. 1)
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No [105/2009]	(OJ L 36, 5.2.2009, p. 1)

ANNEX II

Correlation table

Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000	This Regulation
Article 1	-
-	Article 1
Article 2	Article 2
Article 3(1), (2) and (3)	Article 3(1), (2) and (3)
-	Article 3(4)
Article 4	Article 4
Article 5	-
Article 6(1)	Article 5(1)
Article 6(2)	Article 5(2)
Article 6(3)(a)	Article 5(3), first subparagraph
Article 6(3)(b)	Article 5(3), second subparagraph
Article 6(3)(c)	Article 5(3), third subparagraph
Article 6(3)(d)	Article 5(3), fourth subparagraph
Article 6(4), first subparagraph, point (a)	Article 5(4), first subparagraph, point (a)
Article 6(4), first subparagraph, point (b)	Article 5(4), first subparagraph, point (b)
Article 6(4), second subparagraph	Article 5(4), third subparagraph
Article 7	Article 6
Article 8, first paragraph	Article 7
Article 9(1)	Article 8(1)
Article 9(1a)	Article 8(2)
Article 9(2)	Article 8(3)
Article 10(1), (2) and (3)	Article 9(1), (2) and (3)
Article 10(6)	Article 9(4)
Article 10(7)	Article 9(5)
Article 10(8)	Article 9(6), first subparagraph
-	Article 9(7)
Article 10a	Article 10
Article 11(1)	Article 11(1), first subparagraph
-	Article 11(1), second subparagraph
Article 11(2), (3) and (4)	Article 11(2), (3) and (4)

Article 12(1), (2), (3) and (4)	Article 13(1), (2), (3) and (4)
Article 12(5), first subparagraph	Article 14(1)
Article 12(5), second subparagraph	Article 14(2)
Article 16, third subparagraph	Article 9(6), second subparagraph
Article 17(1) and (2)	Article 12(1) and (2)
Article 17(3) first subparagraph	Article 12(3), first subparagraph
Article 17(3) third subparagraph	Article 12(3), second subparagraph
-	Article 12(3), third and fourth
	subparagraph
Article 17(4)	Article 12(4)
Article 17(5)	-
Article 18	-
Article 19	-
Article 20	-
Article 21	-
Article 21a	Article 16
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Article 22, second subparagraph	Article 17(3)
Article 23, first subparagraph	Article 18, first subparagraph
Article 23, second subparagraph	Article 18, third subparagraph
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