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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2328/2003, (EC) No 861/2006, (EC) No 1198/2006 and (EC) No 791/2007 and Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 20(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 8628<sup>2</sup> the Commission approved the operational programme "European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - Operational Programme for the United Kingdom" for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in the United Kingdom. Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 8628 was subsequently amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 2003<sup>3</sup>.
- (2) On 16 December 2022, the United Kingdom submitted, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission, a request for an amendment to the operational programme. The request was accompanied by a revised operational programme, in which the United Kingdom proposed an amendment to the elements of the operational programme referred to in Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, subject to Implementing Decision C(2015) 8628.
- (3) The amendment of the operational programme consists mainly of budget re-allocations to ensure an efficient implementation of the programme. It also includes changes to the output and result indicators of the programme, and other technical corrections.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 149, 20.5.2014, p. 1

<sup>2</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 8628 of 30.11.2015 on approving the operational programme "European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - Operational Programme for the United Kingdom" for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in the United Kingdom

<sup>3</sup> Commission Decision C(2020) 2003 of 26.03.2020 on the reallocation of the corresponding amount of the performance reserve of the Union priority that has not achieved its milestone, as set out in the Commission decision C(2019) 5458.

- (4) In accordance with Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup>, the request for the amendment to the operational programme is duly justified by reasons of sound management and sets out the expected impact of the changes to the programme on achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and the specific objectives defined in the programme taking account of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, the horizontal principles referred to in Articles 5, 7 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and the Partnership Agreement for the United Kingdom approved by Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 8124 of 30 October 2014 as last amended by Implementing Decision C(2019) 3847.
- (5) In accordance with Article 49(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the monitoring committee at its meeting of 24 November 2022 was consulted on the proposal for the amendment of the operational programme.
- (6) The Commission assessed the revised operational programme and did not make observations pursuant to the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 30(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.
- (7) The revised operational programme should therefore be approved.
- (8) Implementing Decision C(2015) 8628 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) This Decision does not cover State Aid within the meaning of Articles 107, 108 and 109 of the Treaty falling outside the scope of Article 42 of the Treaty which has not been approved.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Implementing Decision C(2015) 8628 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

“Article 1

The operational programme "European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - Operational Programme for the United Kingdom" for support from the EMFF in the United Kingdom for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 30 October 2015, as last amended by the revised operational programme submitted in its final version on 16 December 2022 is hereby approved.”

- (2) In Article 3, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"1. The maximum contribution from the EMFF for the period from 2014 to 2020 authorised by this Decision for the operational programme is set at EUR 243 139 437, in accordance with the following breakdown:

- (a) EUR 129 574 582 shall be allocated to the sustainable development of fisheries, aquaculture, fisheries and aquaculture areas, to marketing and processing related measures, as set out in Chapters I, II, III and IV of Title V of

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<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 320)

Regulation (EU) No 508/2014, with the exception of measures under Article 67.

- (b) EUR 45 661 300 shall be allocated to the control and enforcement measures referred to in Article 76 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.
  - (c) EUR 52 029 032 shall be allocated to the measures on data collection referred to in Article 77 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.
  - (d) EUR 0 shall be allocated to the storage aid referred to in Article 67 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.
  - (e) EUR 5 161 661 shall be allocated to measures concerning the Integrated Maritime Policy as referred to in Chapter VIII of Title V of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.
  - (f) EUR 10 712 862 shall be allocated to technical assistance at the initiative of the Member State pursuant to Article 78 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.”
- (3) Annex II is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

#### *Article 2*

Expenditure that becomes eligible as a result of an amendment to the programme "European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - Operational Programme for the United Kingdom" approved by this Decision shall be eligible from 16 December 2022.

#### *Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 16.2.2023

*For the Commission*  
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