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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) No 254/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on a multiannual consumer programme for the years 2014-20 and repealing Decision No 1926/2006/EC¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Having regard to the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual consumer programme (“the Consumer Programme”), it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2018. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012³ establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) On the basis of Article 190(1)(d) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 and Article 5(5) of Regulation (EU) No 254/2014, it is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals to the Member States holding the Presidency of Council configurations, other than that of Foreign Affairs or to bodies designated by those Member States, as identified by the basic act (the Consumer Programme).
- (3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (5) Estimated contributions from countries of the European Free Trade Associations (EFTA) members of the European Economic Area (EEA) for their participation in the Consumer Programme are: € 586 578 for the budget line 33 04 01; € 24 456 for the budget line 33 01 04 03; € 40 575 for the budget line 33 01 06 01.

¹ OJ L 84, 20.3.2014, p. 42.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Consumer Financial Programme Committee 2014-2020.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of the Consumer Programme for 2018, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2018 is set at € 27 966 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2018:

(a) budget line 33 04 01, Safeguarding consumers' interest and improving their safety and information: € 25 175 000;

(b) budget line 33 01 04 03, Support expenditure for the Consumer programme: € 1 049 600;

(c) budget line 33 01 06 01, Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA) — Contribution from the Consumer programme: € 1 741 400.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2018, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

In implementing this decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 4
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to in point 2.1.2 of the Annex, in accordance with the conditions set out therein.

Done at Brussels, 17.11.2017

For the Commission
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