
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Fruit and Vegetables Aid Scheme
Closure (England) Regulations 2023**

Modification of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council

2.—(1) Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products⁽¹⁾ applies with the following modification to any operational programme of a producer organisation, or association of producer organisations, which has, at the time of the implementation, or proposed implementation, of that programme, its head office located in England (as established by the application of Article 14A or Article 21A of the Commission Delegated Regulation).

(2) For paragraph 1 of Article 33 (operational programmes) substitute—

“1. Operational programmes in the fruit and vegetables sector shall have a minimum duration of three years and a maximum duration of seven years. They shall have at least two of the objectives referred to in point (c) of Article 152(1) or two of the following objectives:

- (a) planning of production, including production and consumption forecasting and follow-up;
- (b) improvement of product quality, whether in a fresh or processed form;
- (c) boosting products’ commercial value;
- (d) promotion of the products, whether in a fresh or processed form;
- (e) environmental measures, particularly those relating to water, and methods of production respecting the environment, including organic farming;
- (f) crisis prevention and management.

Operational programmes shall be submitted to the relevant authority for its approval.

The relevant authority must not approve any new operational programme to commence on or after 1 January 2024.”.

(1) EUR 1308/1308, amended by [S.I. 2019/821](#); there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.