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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Director-General

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Concerning: The possibility of paying compensation for buffer zones with EU rural development funds

Dear Mr Nigaard,

I refer to your email of 3 May 2013 in which you ask some additional questions related to the support scheme 213 under the Danish Rural Development Programme (RDP) which provides for compensation to farmers for disadvantages resulting from the implementation of the water framework directive (buffer zones).

The letter of 26 February that is referred to in your email replies to questions raised by the Danish authorities regarding the implications of the annulment of the river basin management plans for the implementation of the compensation scheme under the RDP.

In reply to your question, the letter cannot be regarded as a guarantee or confirmation that, at the current date, it is sure that Denmark will be able to use the support scheme as originally planned. One of the conditions that are listed in the letter and which have to be fulfilled is the adoption of new river basin management plans. As such plans have not yet been adopted it follows that the Danish authorities cannot at the present time carry out EU co-financed payments under the measure.

I hope this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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