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Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2465¹ was adopted in the framework of the revision of marketing standards for eggs. A number of changes were introduced compared to previous rules laid down under Commission Regulation (EC) 589/2008², most of them to provide more flexibility.

For free-range eggs, the new provisions allow for keeping the label ‘free range eggs’ even if daytime access to open-air runs is temporarily restricted on the basis of EU legislation. In Regulation (EC) 589/2008, the marketing of those eggs as ‘free-range’ was limited to cases where the restriction to access open air did not exceed a maximum period of 16 weeks.

No change has been introduced with regard to adverse weather events.

¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2465 of 17 August 2023 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for eggs, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 589/2008, C/2023/5509, OJ L, 2023/2465, 8.11.2023, ELI:
http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/2465/2024-10-14

² Commission Regulation (EC) No 589/2008 of 23 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs, ELI:
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/589/2017-11-25>