

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 69/2016****of 29 April 2016****amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2017/2019]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2278 of 4 December 2015 amending Annexes I and II to Decision 2004/558/EC as regards the infectious bovine rhinotracheitis-free status of the Federal States of Bremen, Hesse and Lower Saxony of Germany <sup>(1)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) This Decision concerns legislation regarding live animals other than fish and aquaculture animals. Legislation concerning these matters shall not apply to Iceland, as specified in paragraph 2 of the Introductory Part of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Iceland.
- (3) This Decision concerns legislation regarding veterinary matters. Legislation regarding veterinary matters shall not apply to Liechtenstein as long as the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products is extended to Liechtenstein, as specified in the sectoral adaptations to Annex I to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.
- (4) Annex I to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The following indent is added in point 80 (Commission Decision 2004/558/EC) in Part 4.2 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement:

‘— **32015 D 2278**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2278 of 4 December 2015 (OJ L 322, 8.12.2015, p. 55).’

*Article 2*

The text of Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2278 in the Norwegian language, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 30 April 2016, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (\*).

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 322, 8.12.2015, p. 55.

(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.

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*Article 4*

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 29 April 2016.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*  
*The President*  
Claude MAERTEN

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