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DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 2/2021
of 5 February 2021
amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2024/42]

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 Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/686 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the approval of germinal product establishments and the traceability and animal health requirements for movements within the Union of germinal products of certain kept terrestrial animals ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/999 of 9 July 2020 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the approval of germinal product establishments and the traceability of germinal products of bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine animals ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) This Decision concerns legislation regarding live animals other than fish and aquaculture animals and animal products such as ova, embryo and semen. 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Annex I to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following is inserted after point 13b (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/690) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement:

‘13c. **32020 R 0686**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/686 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the approval of germinal product establishments and the traceability and animal health requirements for movements within the Union of germinal products of certain kept terrestrial animals (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 1).

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptation:

In Articles 49(1), 49(2) and 49(3), as regards the EFTA States, the words “or the entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 2/2021 of 5 February 2021, whichever is the later,” shall be inserted after the words “21 April 2021”.

This act shall not apply to Iceland.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 221, 10.7.2020, p. 99.

- 13d. **32020 R 0999**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/999 of 9 July 2020 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the approval of germinal product establishments and the traceability of germinal products of bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine animals (OJ L 221, 10.7.2020, p. 99).

This act shall not apply to Iceland.*

Article 2

The texts of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/686 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/999 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 6 February 2021, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made *, or on the day of the entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 179/2020 of 11 December 2020 ^(?), whichever is the later.

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, 5 February 2021.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Clara GANSLANDT

* No constitutional requirements indicated.

^(?) OJ L 240, 28.9.2023, p. 5.