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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 33/2023**  
**of 17 March 2023**  
**amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2023/2342]**

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 Regulation (EU) 2022/2077 of 27 October 2022 designating the European Union reference centre responsible for the scientific and technical contribution to the establishment and harmonisation of the methods for the preservation of endangered breeds, and the preservation of the genetic diversity existing within those breeds <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 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.
- (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 point is inserted after point 37 (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1940) in Part 2.2 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement:

‘38. **32022 R 2077**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2077 of 27 October 2022 designating the European Union reference centre responsible for the scientific and technical contribution to the establishment and harmonisation of the methods for the preservation of endangered breeds, and the preservation of the genetic diversity existing within those breeds (OJ L 280, 28.10.2022, p. 10).

This act shall not apply to Iceland.’

*Article 2*

The text of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2077 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 18 March 2023, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made \*.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 280, 28.10.2022, p. 10.

\* No constitutional requirements indicated.

*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, 17 March 2023.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*  
*The President*  
Nicolas VON LINGEN

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