

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 3/2016****of 5 February 2016****amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2017/1286]**

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) 2015/261 of 6 February 2015 amending Decisions 2010/470/EU and 2010/471/EU as regards the animal health certification requirements for trade in and for imports into the Union of semen, ova and embryos of animals of the equine species ⁽¹⁾ 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

Point 93 (Commission Decision 2010/470/EU) in Part 4.2 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. The following is added:

'as amended by:

— **32015 D 0261**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/261 of 6 February 2015 (OJ L 52, 24.2.2015, p. 1).'

2. The adaptation text is replaced by the following:

'The date "30 September 2014" in Article 2(a) and (d)(i) shall for the EFTA States read "25 February 2015". The date "1 October 2014" in Article 2(b) and (d)(ii) shall for the EFTA States read "26 February 2015". The date "31 August 2010" in Article 2(b), (c) and (d)(ii) shall for the EFTA States read "1 July 2011". The date "1 September 2010" in Articles 2(c) and (d)(ii) shall for the EFTA States read "2 July 2011".

The date "31 August 2010" in Article 4(a) and (b) shall for the EFTA States read "1 July 2011". The date "1 September 2010" in Article 4(b) shall for the EFTA States read "2 July 2011".'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 52, 24.2.2015, p. 1.

Article 2

The text of Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/261 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 2016, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (*).

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 2016.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Claude MAERTEN

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.