

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 166/2016

of 23 September 2016

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2018/424]

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) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport Regulation)⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 repeals Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/2008⁽²⁾, which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.
- (3) 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.
- (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

Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

- (1) The text of point 33 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/2008) in Part 2.2 is replaced by the following:

‘32015 R 0262: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport Regulation) (OJ L 59, 3.3.2015, p. 1).

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

- (a) In Article 1(1)(b) the words “or Norwegian customs procedures” shall be added after the reference to “Regulation (EU) No 952/2013”.
- (b) In Article 3(1) the word “territories” shall be understood to include Norway.
- (c) The date “30 June 2009” referred to in Article 43 shall for the EFTA States be the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 1/2010 of 29 January 2010 incorporating Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 into the EEA Agreement.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 59, 3.3.2015, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 149, 7.6.2008, p. 3.

The date “31 December 2009” referred to in Article 43 shall for the EFTA States be seven months after the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 1/2010 of 29 January 2010 incorporating Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 into the EEA Agreement.

This act shall not apply to Iceland.’

(2) The text of point 85 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/2008) in Part 4.2 is replaced by the following:

‘**32015 R 0262:** Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport Regulation) (OJ L 59, 3.3.2015, p. 1).

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

- (a) In Article 1(1)(b) the words “or Norwegian customs procedures” shall be added after the reference to “Regulation (EU) No 952/2013”.
- (b) In Article 3(1) the word “territories” shall be understood to include Norway.
- (c) The date “30 June 2009” referred to in Article 43 shall for the EFTA States be the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 1/2010 of 29 January 2010 incorporating Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 into the EEA Agreement.

The date “31 December 2009” referred to in Article 43 shall for the EFTA States be seven months after the date of entry into force of the Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 1/2010 of 29 January 2010 incorporating Regulation (EC) No 504/2008 into the EEA Agreement.

This act shall not apply to Iceland.’

Article 2

The text of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 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 24 September 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, 23 September 2016.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Bergdís ELLERTSDÓTTIR

(*) Constitutional requirements indicated.