

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 73/2017

of 5 May 2017

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2019/185]

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) 2016/851 of 26 May 2016 amending the Annex to Decision 2009/719/EC as regards the authorisation for Croatia to revise its BSE annual monitoring programme ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The Agreement on the participation of the Republic of Croatia in the European Economic Area ⁽²⁾ ('the 2014 EEA Enlargement Agreement') signed on 11 April 2014 in Brussels, has been provisionally applicable to its signatories since 12 April 2014, and this Decision shall therefore apply provisionally pending the entry into force of the 2014 EEA Enlargement Agreement.
- (4) Annex I to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Under the heading 'ACTS OF WHICH THE EFTA STATES AND THE EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY SHALL TAKE DUE ACCOUNT' in Part 7.2 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement, point 41b (Commission Decision 2009/719/EC) shall be amended as follows:

1. The following indent is added:

— **32016 D 0851**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/851 of 26 May 2016 (OJ L 141, 28.5.2016, p. 131).'

2. The following is added at the end of the adaptation text:

— Iceland'.

Article 2

The text of Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/851 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, 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 May 2017, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made ^(*) or on day of the entry into force of the 2014 EEA Enlargement Agreement, whichever is the later.

Pending the entry into force of the 2014 EEA Enlargement Agreement, this Decision shall apply provisionally from 6 May 2017, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 28.5.2016, p. 131.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 170, 11.6.2014, p. 5.

^(*) 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, 5 May 2017.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Claude MAERTEN
