

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**No 223/2018**

**of 5 December 2018**

**amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement**

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) 2018/662 of 27 April 2018 designating the European Union reference laboratory for avian influenza and Newcastle disease and amending Annex VII to Council Directive 2005/94/EC<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. 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*

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

1. The following indent is added in point 5a (Council Directive 2005/94/EC) in Part 3.1:  
‘- **32018 D 0662**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/662 of 27 April 2018 (OJ L 110, 30.4.2018, p. 134).’
2. The following is inserted after point 48 (Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/136) in Part 3.2:  
‘49. **32018 D 0662**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/662 of 27 April 2018 designating the European Union reference laboratory for avian

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influenza and Newcastle disease and amending Annex VII to Council Directive 2005/94/EC (OJ L 110, 30.4.2018, p. 134).

This act shall not apply to Iceland.’

*Article 2*

The text of Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/662 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 December 2018, 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 December 2018.

*For the EEA Joint Committee  
The President*

*Oda Helen Sletnes*

*The Secretaries  
To the EEA Joint Committee*

*Hege M. Hoff    Mikolaj Karłowski*

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\* No constitutional requirements indicated.