

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 146/2015****of 11 June 2015****amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2016/2181]**

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 Regulation (EU) 2015/463 of 19 March 2015 amending Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203) ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/537 of 31 March 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of aluminium lakes of cochineal, carminic acid, carmines (E 120) in dietary foods for special medical purposes ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/538 of 31 March 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of benzoic acid — benzoates (E 210-213) in cooked shrimps in brine ⁽³⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (4) This Decision concerns legislation regarding foodstuffs. Legislation regarding foodstuffs 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 introduction to Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.
- (5) Annex II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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

- (1) the following indents are added in point 54zzzzr (Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council):

— **32015 R 0537**: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/537 of 31 March 2015 (OJ L 88, 1.4.2015, p. 1),— **32015 R 0538**: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/538 of 31 March 2015 (OJ L 88, 1.4.2015, p. 4).';

- (2) the following indent is added in point 69 (Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012):

— **32015 R 0463**: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/463 of 19 March 2015 (OJ L 76, 20.3.2015, p. 42).'⁽¹⁾ OJ L 76, 20.3.2015, p. 42.⁽²⁾ OJ L 88, 1.4.2015, p. 1.⁽³⁾ OJ L 88, 1.4.2015, p. 4.

Article 2

The texts of Regulations (EU) 2015/463, (EU) No 2015/537 and (EU) 2015/538 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 12 June 2015, 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, 11 June 2015.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Gianluca GRIPPA

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.