

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 136/2016

of 8 July 2016

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) and Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2018/358]

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) 2016/158 of 4 February 2016 laying down transitional measures as regards certain establishments in the meat and milk sectors in Croatia⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) This Decision concerns legislation regarding veterinary matters and foodstuffs. Legislation regarding veterinary matters and 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 sectoral adaptations to Annex I and the introduction to Chapter XII of Annex II 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) Annexes I and II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following indent is added under the heading on transitional arrangements in points 16 (Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) and 17 (Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Part 6.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement:

— **32016 D 0158:** Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/158 of 4 February 2016 laying down transitional measures as regards certain establishments in the meat and milk sectors in Croatia (OJ L 31, 6.2.2016, p. 47).'

Article 2

The following indent is added under the heading on transitional arrangements in point 54zzzh (Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement:

— **32016 D 0158:** Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/158 of 4 February 2016 laying down transitional measures as regards certain establishments in the meat and milk sectors in Croatia (OJ L 31, 6.2.2016, p. 47).'

Article 3

The text of Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/158 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 31, 6.2.2016, p. 47.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 170, 11.6.2014, p. 5.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 9 July 2016, 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 9 July 2016, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made.

Article 5

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, 8 July 2016.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Bergdís ELLERTSDÓTTIR

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.