

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 219/2016****of 2 December 2016****amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) and Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2018/1157]**

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) 2015/1918 of 22 October 2015 establishing the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation system ('AAC system') pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) This Decision concerns legislation regarding veterinary matters, feedingstuffs and foodstuffs. Legislation regarding veterinary matters, feedingstuffs 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) Annexes I and II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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

1. The following point is inserted after point 11 (Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I:
 - '11a. **32015 D 1918:** Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1918 of 22 October 2015 establishing the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation system ("AAC system") pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules (OJ L 280, 24.10.2015, p. 31).'
2. The following point is inserted after point 31j (Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Chapter II:
 - '31ja. **32015 D 1918:** Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1918 of 22 October 2015 establishing the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation system ("AAC system") pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules (OJ L 280, 24.10.2015, p. 31).'

Article 2

The following point is inserted after point 54zzzi (Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement:

- '54zzzia. **32015 D 1918:** Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1918 of 22 October 2015 establishing the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation system ("AAC system") pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules (OJ L 280, 24.10.2015, p. 31).'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 280, 24.10.2015, p. 31.

Article 3

The text of Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1918 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 4

This Decision shall enter into force on 3 December 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, 2 December 2016.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Bergdís ELLERTSDÓTTIR

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.