

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 204/2022

of 8 July 2022

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) and Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2023/621]

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) Regulation (EU) 2021/1756 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2021 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards official controls on animals and products of animal origin exported from third countries to the Union in order to ensure compliance with the prohibition of certain uses of antimicrobials and Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 as regards the direct supply of meat from poultry and lagomorphs ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2244 of 7 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with specific rules on official controls as regards sampling procedures for pesticides residues in food and feed ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2141 of 3 December 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2129 as regards the frequency rates of physical checks on certain composite products entering the Union ⁽³⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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 indent is added in points 11b (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I and 31q (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Chapter II:

‘– **32021 R 1756**: Regulation (EU) 2021/1756 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2021 (OJ L 357, 8.10.2021, p. 27).’
2. The following is added to the adaptation text in points 11b (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I and 31q (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Chapter II:

‘(i) As regards the EFTA States, Article 1(4)(c) shall apply from the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 371/2021 of 10 December 2021.’

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 357, 8.10.2021, p. 27.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 453, 17.12.2021, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 433, 6.12.2021, p. 5.

3. The following is added in points 11br (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2129) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I and 31qr (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2129) of Chapter II:

‘, as amended by:

— **32021 R 2141**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2141 of 3 December 2021 (OJ L 433, 6.12.2021, p. 5).’

4. The following point is inserted after point 11d (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2305) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I:

‘11e. **32021 R 2244**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2244 of 7 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with specific rules on official controls as regards sampling procedures for pesticides residues in food and feed (OJ L 453, 17.12.2021, p. 1).’

5. The following point is inserted after point 31s (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2305) in Chapter II:

‘31t. **32021 R 2244**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2244 of 7 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with specific rules on official controls as regards sampling procedures for pesticides residues in food and feed (OJ L 453, 17.12.2021, p. 1).’

Article 2

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

1. The following indent is added in point 164 (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council):

‘— **32021 R 1756**: Regulation (EU) 2021/1756 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2021 (OJ L 357, 8.10.2021, p. 27).’

2. The following is added to the adaptation text in point 164 (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council):

‘(i) As regards the EFTA States, Article 1(4)(c) shall apply from the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 371/2021 of 10 December 2021.’

3. The following is added in point 164r (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2129):

‘, as amended by:

— **32021 R 2141**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2141 of 3 December 2021 (OJ L 433, 6.12.2021, p. 5).’

4. The following point is inserted after point 164z (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1353):

‘164za. **32021 R 2244**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2244 of 7 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with specific rules on official controls as regards sampling procedures for pesticides residues in food and feed (OJ L 453, 17.12.2021, p. 1).’

Article 3

The texts of Regulation (EU) 2021/1756, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2244 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2141 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 9 July 2022, 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 2022.

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

Kristján Andri STEFÁNSSON

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.