

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 249/2023

of 27 October 2023

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 Regulation (EU) 2023/1071 of 1 June 2023 amending certain Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 as regards the approval or withdrawal of the disease-free status of certain Member States or zones or compartments thereof as regards certain listed diseases and the approval of eradication programmes for certain listed diseases¹ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) This Decision concerns, *inter alia*, 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.
- (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

The following indent is added in point 13r (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement:

- ‘- **32023 R 1071**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1071 of 1 June 2023 (OJ L 143, 2.6.2023, p. 105).’

Article 2

The text of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1071 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 143, 2.6.2023, p. 105.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 28 October 2023, 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, 27 October 2023.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

Pascal Schafhauser

*The Secretaries
To the EEA Joint Committee*

Siri Veseth Meling

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* No constitutional requirements indicated.